

Amendment No. 1127

Senate Amendment to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11	(BDR R-1229)
Proposed by: Senator Spearman	
Amends: Summary: No Title: No Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: No	

ASSEMBLY ACTION				Initial and Date	SENATE ACTION				Initial and Date
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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of green bold underlining is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

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Date: 6/4/2017

S.C.R. No. 11—Urges the Legislative Commission to take certain actions to provide additional services in the Legislative Building for persons who are blind, deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired.
(BDR R-1229)



SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—COMMITTEE
ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

JUNE 2, 2017

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Urges the Legislative Commission to take certain actions to provide additional services in the Legislative Building for persons who are blind, deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired. (BDR R-1229)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Urging the Legislative Commission to take certain actions to provide additional services in the Legislative Building for persons who are blind, deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired.

WHEREAS, Persons who are differently abled make up a significant part of the population of this State; and

WHEREAS, Persons who are blind, deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired contribute significantly to the general welfare of the people of this State; and

WHEREAS, Assisting persons who are blind, deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired to communicate effectively is necessary to maximize such contributions and allow such persons to achieve equality in education, employment and socialization; and

WHEREAS, Services that persons who are blind, deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired receive from state and local governmental agencies help them communicate effectively, maximizing their contributions and allowing them to achieve greater equality; and

WHEREAS, Persons who are blind, deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired need the ability to communicate effectively with state and local governmental entities to ensure that such persons receive services that are helpful to them in a manner that ensures their dignity and equality; and

WHEREAS, Persons who are blind, deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired often have difficulties participating in the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, The Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101, requires that no individual with a disability shall, by reason of such disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or activities of a public entity, or be subjected to discrimination by any such entity; and

WHEREAS, A state government is required under the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 to make reasonable modifications in policies, practices and procedures that deny equal access to individuals with disabilities; and

1 WHEREAS, A person with a disability, including, without limitation, a person
2 who is blind, deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired and who is unable because of
3 his or her disability to obtain equal access to the services, programs and activities of
4 a state government may bring a lawsuit to enforce their rights and may be awarded
5 attorney's fees as well, resulting in costly litigation for the state government; and

6 WHEREAS, NRS 218A.150 provides specific authority for the Legislative
7 Commission to approve the expenditure of money appropriated to the
8 Legislative Fund for necessary improvements of the Legislature pursuant to a
9 concurrent resolution; and

10 WHEREAS, This concurrent resolution is intended to require the issue of
11 accessibility of the Legislature to persons who are blind, deaf, hard of hearing
12 or speech impaired to be studied during the upcoming interim and to carry out
13 some or all of the recommendations for improvements before the next
14 Legislative Session; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY
16 CONCURRING, That the Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and
17 Adults with Special Needs is hereby directed to study and make recommendations
18 to the Legislative Commission regarding the manner in which the Legislature may
19 make the Legislative Building and legislative proceedings more accessible to
20 persons who are blind, deaf, hard of hearing and speech impaired; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission is hereby urged to:

22 1. Consider such recommendations from the Legislative Committee on Senior
23 Citizens, Veterans and Adults with Special Needs made pursuant to this resolution;
24 and

25 2. Direct the Legislative Counsel Bureau to adopt as soon as possible any
26 such recommendations and other protocols that the Legislative Commission deems
27 appropriate, including, without limitation:

28 (a) Providing closed captioning services for all legislative hearings and floor
29 sessions;

30 (b) Making reasonable accommodations to provide interpreters for those who
31 are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired;

32 (c) Developing and providing auxiliary aids and services for those who are
33 blind or who have low or limited vision; and

34 (d) Outfitting the Legislative Building in ways that increase accessibility and
35 civic engagement for persons who are blind, deaf, hard of hearing or speech
36 impaired; and be it further

37 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission is hereby authorized to approve
38 expenditures of not more than \$2,000,000 from the Legislative Fund created by
39 NRS 218A.150 to allow the Legislative Counsel Bureau to implement as many
40 recommendations and protocols provided in this resolution as possible before the
41 80th Session of the Nevada Legislature; and be it further

42 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Counsel Bureau prepare and submit a report to
43 the 80th Session of the Legislature regarding the recommendations and protocols
44 that were adopted and implemented and identifying the effect of such adoption and
45 implementation.