

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

**Seventy-ninth Session
June 4, 2017**

The Senate Committee on Finance was called to order by Chair Joyce Woodhouse at 9:20 a.m. on Sunday, June 4, 2017, in Room 2134 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4412 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 Joyce Woodhouse, Chair
Senator David R. Parks, Vice Chair
Senator Moises Denis
Senator Aaron D. Ford
Senator Ben Kieckhefer
Senator Pete Goicoechea
Senator Becky Harris

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Krmpotic, Senate Fiscal Analyst
Alex Haartz, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Brenda Erdoes, Legislative Counsel
Colby Nichols, Recording Secretary

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

I will open the work session on Assembly Bill (A.B.) 486.

ASSEMBLY BILL 486 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions governing the distribution of the governmental services tax. (BDR 43-978)

MARK KRMPOTIC (Senate Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau):

Assembly Bill 486 was heard on May 29. This bill would allocate 25 percent of the governmental services tax to the General Fund and 75 percent to the State Highway Fund for the upcoming Biennium. The bill was recommended by

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Governor Brian Sandoval and is necessary to balance the budget and provide necessary resources to fund State government. Assembly Bill 486 expires by limitation on June 30, 2019, at which time, barring action by the 80th Legislative Session, 100 percent of the proceeds would be deposited to the State Highway Fund.

SENATOR FORD MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 486.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATOR DENIS WAS EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

I will open the work session on A.B. 499.

ASSEMBLY BILL 499 (1st Reprint): Makes appropriations to restore the balances in the Stale Claims Account, Reserve for Statutory Contingency Account and Contingency Account. (BDR S-1184)

MR. KRMPOTIC:

Assembly Bill 499 was heard on June 3. This bill would appropriate \$500,000 from the State General Fund to restore the balance in the Stale Claims Account. Section 1 also appropriates \$2 million from the General Fund to the Statutory Contingency Account and \$7 million to the Contingency Account that is overseen by the Interim Finance Committee. The bill is effective upon passage and approval and would replenish these accounts to enable the payment of stale claims. It would allow certain claims to be considered and paid by the Nevada Board of Examiners with respect to the Statutory Contingency Account. The bill would allow for the Interim Finance Committee to consider requests for supplements to State budgets over the next Biennium.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 499.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

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THE MOTION PASSED. (SENATOR DENIS WAS EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

I will open the hearing on Senate Bill (S.B.) 257. Senator Patricia Farley has submitted Proposed Amendment 5111 ([Exhibit C](#)).

SENATE BILL 257 (2nd Reprint): Revises provisions relating to the welfare of children. (BDR 38-662)

ALEX HAARTZ (Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau):

This bill was heard on May 29 and proposes revised provisions relating to the welfare of children. Testimony was provided by Senator Farley, Jon Sasser and Denise Tanata of the Children's Advocacy Alliance. Section 6 of S.B. 257 contains an appropriation of \$28,250,000, section 7 contains an appropriation of \$500,000 and section 8 contain a \$200,000 appropriation. During the course of their testimony, Senator Farley, Mr. Sasser and Ms. Tanata indicated that a conceptual amendment would be prepared and provided to remove these appropriations. Proposed Amendment 5111 removes sections 6, 7 and 8. This bill becomes effective on July 1.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:
Is there a fiscal note?

MR. HAARTZ:

When S.B. 257 was heard on May 29, Steve Fisher, Administrator, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services testified that based upon the conceptual amendment the Division's fiscal note was removed.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

We are creating an account but not putting any money into it. Is that correct?

CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

Yes, that is correct. The account will allow for possible funding from the private sector.

SENATOR PARKS MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED S.B. 257.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (SENATOR DENIS WAS EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

I will open the work session on S.B. 121.

SENATE BILL 121 (1st Reprint): Directs the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study concerning issues regarding the behavioral and cognitive care needs of older persons. (BDR S-63)

MR. KRMPOTIC:

Senate Bill 121 was heard on May 26. The bill provides for the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study concerning issues regarding the behavioral and cognitive care needs of older persons. The fiscal note submitted by the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) identified \$5,993 in costs. Staff would remind the Committee there are three studies funded in the LCB budget, and if this is considered as one of these committees, no additional funds would be needed.

SENATOR FORD MOVED TO DO PASS AS AMENDED S.B. 121.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (SENATOR HARRIS WAS EXCUSED FOR THE VOTE.)

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CHAIR WOODHOUSE:

Seeing no further public comment, I will adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Jan Brase,
Transcribing Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator Joyce Woodhouse, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBIT SUMMARY				
Bill	Exhibit / # of pages		Witness / Entity	Description
	A	1		Agenda
	B	1		Attendance Roster
S.B. 257	C	5	Senator Patricia Farley	Proposed Amendment 5111