

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

**Seventy-ninth Session
May 19, 2017**

The Senate Committee on Government Affairs was called to order by Chair David R. Parks at 2:08 p.m. on Friday, May 19, 2017, in Room 2135 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 David R. Parks, Chair
Senator Mark A. Manendo, Vice Chair
Senator Julia Ratti
Senator Joseph P. Hardy
Senator Pete Goicoechea

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Ruedy, Policy Analyst
Heidi Chlarson, Counsel
Debi Szaro, Committee Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Patrick Cates, Director, Department of Administration
John DiMuro, Chief Medical Officer, Division of Public and Behavioral Health,
Department of Health and Human Services
Scott Gilles, City of Reno

CHAIR PARKS:

We will open the hearing with Assembly Bill (A.B.) 41.

ASSEMBLY BILL 41 (2nd Reprint): Makes changes relating to the qualifications for and classifications of various positions in State Government. (BDR 28-240)

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PATRICK CATES (Director, Department of Administration):
Assembly Bill 41 seeks to change the qualifications of certain public officials within the Department of Administration, the Governor's Office of Finance, and the Department of Health and Human Services. I have submitted my testimony ([Exhibit C](#)).

SENATOR HARDY:
Perhaps I am mistaken, but did the prior health officer have a practice that she was involved with?

MR. CATES:
I do not know the answer to that. There are representatives here from the Health and Human Services Department. I am not sure if they are able to answer that.

JOHN DIMURO (Chief Medical Officer, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Department of Health and Human Services):
She did have a type of a clinical practice.

SENATOR HARDY:
Hopefully, we are not going to arrest her in retrospective?

MR. DIMURO:
Hopefully not.

SENATOR HARDY MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 41.

SENATOR RATTI SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR PARKS:
We will move into the work session and begin with A.B. 80.

ASSEMBLY BILL 80 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions governing redevelopment in certain cities. (BDR 22-416)

JENNIFER RUEDY (Policy Analyst):

Assembly Bill 80 pertains to extending the termination date of a redevelopment plan if adopted by ordinance, by a city whose population is 220,000 or more located in a county whose population is 100,000 or more but less than 700,000, currently the City of Reno. I have submitted the work session document ([Exhibit D](#)).

SCOTT GILLES (City of Reno):

Our amendment ([Exhibit E](#)) is an amendment to Proposed Amendment 4690, [Exhibit D](#). Submitted by the City of Reno, the [Exhibit E](#) amendment is agreed to as well by the Cities of Henderson and Las Vegas.

SENATOR RATTI:

On sections 1.6 and 1.7, there had been some discussion about whether those needed the prospective language as well. Was there some clarification we decided that was not necessary?

MR. GILLES:

After further looking at the way they are written, they do not appear to need the prospective language to make that clear.

SENATOR RATTI:

For the record, the deletion of section 1.4 was not necessarily agreed to with Assemblyman Skip Daly, Assembly District No. 31.

MR. GILLES:

Correct. If that was not made clear, I would like to make it clear. It was not an agreement we came to with Assemblyman Daly, but it was ultimately a section that the local governments were involved in. This discussion could not be agreed upon.

SENATOR HARDY:

Do we need sections 1.6 and 1.7, or is there another way that is already being done?

MR. GILLES:

I do not know if sections 1.6 and 1.7 are needed from the perspective of the local governments. Those are sections Assemblyman Daly wanted to include in

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his amendment. We are happy to accept those changes, we do not oppose those changes.

SENATOR HARDY:

Likewise, all the other entities that would be involved with this?

MR. GILLES:

The entities that were involved in the discussions have primarily been the City of Las Vegas, City of Henderson and the City of Reno.

SENATOR HARDY:

Those cities are greater than the population cap as it were?

MR. GILLES:

Sections 1.6 and 1.7 are not population cap sections. These sections are of general applicability to any redevelopment districts created in the State under this chapter.

SENATOR RATTI:

There have been many conversations about this particular bill today. I am willing to vote yes on the amended amendment version. I would like to note for the record that I would reserve my right to change my vote on the Senate Floor. I would like to understand a little bit more of the problems with section 1.4.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED A.B. 80.

SENATOR MANENDO SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR HARDY:

I will support that if section 1.4 is deleted. If I understand the motion correctly, we are voting on this proposed amendment from the Cities of Reno, Henderson and Las Vegas; deleting sections 1.2 and 1.4.; and making revisions to 1.5 to make it prospective. I understand this is the motion?

CHAIR PARKS:

Yes, that is correct.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR PARKS:

The next item in work session is A.B. 246.

ASSEMBLY BILL 246 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions relating to the creation of a local improvement district and tax increment area. (BDR 22-705)

MS. RUEDY:

Assembly Bill 246 extends the authority of two or more counties to create an improvement district for the acquisition of certain projects. I have submitted the work session document ([Exhibit F](#)).

SENATOR RATTI:

Does any part of this bill conflict with Assemblywoman Amber Joiner's bill about creating park districts? I believe it is A.B. 379. They are both creating tax improvement districts. They are both allowing it to go across multiple jurisdictions.

ASSEMBLY BILL 379 (1st Reprint): Authorizes certain local governments to create a parks, trails and open space district. (BDR 25-211)

HEIDI CHLARSON (Counsel):

I am not aware of any direct conflict between the provisions of A.B. 246 and that bill as amended by this Committee with A.B. 379. It is certainly something going forward that Legal is going to take a look at and to make sure that if any bills have conflicts, they are resolved. But I am not aware of any direct conflict. Certainly if I find one, I will let you know.

SENATOR MANENDO MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 246.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

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THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR PARKS:

We will move to the next item in the work session, A.B. 449.

ASSEMBLY BILL 449 (1st Reprint): Establishes Public Lands Day in the State of Nevada. (BDR 19-770)

Ms. RUEDY:

Assembly Bill 449 declares the fourth Saturday each September to be "Public Lands Day." I have submitted the work session document ([Exhibit G](#)). There was a similar bill heard in this Committee, S.B. 413 which was passed out of the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining yesterday with the amendment to change the permissive language so it may be proclaimed by the Governor. So that these two bills will not conflict, they would both be declaring the same day, the last Saturday, as Public Lands Day. They would both be saying may "proclaim."

SENATE BILL 413 (1st Reprint): Establishes "Public Lands Day" in the State of Nevada. (BDR 19-772)

SENATOR RATTI MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED
A.B. 449.

SENATOR HARDY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR PARKS:

We will move to the next item in the work session, A.B. 477.

ASSEMBLY BILL 477: Authorizes appointment of a General Counsel of the Purchasing Division of the Department of Administration. (BDR 27-895)

Ms. RUEDY:

Assembly Bill 477 authorizes the Administrator of the Purchasing Division of the Department of Administration to appoint a General Counsel. I have submitted the work session document ([Exhibit H](#)).

CHAIR PARKS:

My assumption is this takes the individual out of the Attorney General's Office as a dedicated attorney to strictly work for the Purchasing Division.

Ms. CHLARSON:

It authorizes the Administrator of the Division to appoint a General Counsel. It does not specifically say that the Attorney General's Office is not going to be representing. I would imagine that would be part of the budget decision, but separately.

CHAIR PARKS:

At least budgetarily, it is in the works for approval.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 477.

SENATOR RATTI SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR PARKS:

We will move to the next item in the work session, A.B. 481.

ASSEMBLY BILL 481: Revises provisions governing the Division of Internal Audits of the Office of Finance. (BDR 31-898)

Ms. RUEDY:

Assembly Bill 481 eliminates the requirement that the Administrator of the Division of Internal Audits of the Office of Finance appoint a Manager of Internal Controls. I have submitted the work session document ([Exhibit I](#)).

SENATOR HARDY MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 481.

SENATOR RATTI SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR PARKS:

That concludes the items on the work session. I know there was another bill that we did not hear, but we did not consider A.B. 120 from Assemblyman Daly. From my discussions with other members, I do not see there was any interest in considering that bill.

ASSEMBLY BILL 120 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions relating to school construction. (BDR 34-779)

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CHAIR PARKS:

Seeing no further business, I adjourn this meeting at 3:38 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Janae Johnson,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator David R. Parks, Chair

DATE: _____

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