

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

**Seventy-ninth Session
March 23, 2017**

The Senate Committee on Judiciary was called to order by Chair Tick Segerblom at 1:38 p.m. on Thursday, March 23, 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 Tick Segerblom, Chair
Senator Nicole J. Cannizzaro, Vice Chair
Senator Moises Denis
Senator Aaron D. Ford
Senator Don Gustavson
Senator Michael Roberson
Senator Becky Harris

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patrick Guinan, Policy Analyst
Pat Devereux, Committee Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jon Sasser, Washoe Legal Services
Nick Vassiliades, Nevada Collectors Association

CHAIR SEGERBLOM:

We will open the hearing on Senate Bill (S.B.) 230.

[SENATE BILL 230](#): Makes various changes relating to judgments. (BDR 2-512)

A virtually identical bill, S.B. No. 373 of the 77th Session, was vetoed by Governor Brian Sandoval.

JON SASSER (Washoe Legal Services):

You have my written testimony ([Exhibit C](#)). Senate Bill No. 373 of the 77th Session reduced the amount of wages that can be garnished by a judgment by a creditor. Under federal law, people can protect 75 percent of their wages and creditors can take 25 percent. Senate Bill No. 373 of the 77th Session would have changed the percent of wages creditors may garnish to 15 percent for people making less than \$40,000 per year.

After the bill was vetoed by the Governor, Washoe County Legal Services met with the Nevada Collectors Association and reached an agreement on changing the garnishment amount in S.B. 230 to 18 percent. We deleted a provision of S.B. No. 373 of the 77th Session and added a provision to S.B. 230 stipulating a garnishment will remain active for 180 days instead of 120 days.

In 2015, Washoe County Legal Services introduced A.B. No. 129 of the 78th Session, which was virtually identical to S.B. No. 373 of the 77th Session. It did not make it out of the Assembly Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill 230 also provides if a creditor from out of state tries to garnish the wages or attach a bank account of a Nevada resident without domesticating an out-of-state judgment, a cause of action against the creditor is created.

NICK VASSILIADES (Nevada Collectors Association):

The Nevada Collectors Association supports S.B. 230 for the reasons stated by Mr. Sasser.

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CHAIR SEGERBLOM:

We will close the hearing on S.B. 230. Seeing no more business before the Senate Committee on Judiciary, the meeting is adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Pat Devereux,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator Tick Segerblom, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBIT SUMMARY				
Bill	Exhibit / # of pages		Witness / Entity	Description
	A	1		Agenda
	B	2		Attendance Roster
S.B. 230	C	4	Jon Sasser / Washoe County Legal Services	Written testimony