

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

**Eightieth Session
May 29, 2019**

The Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections was called to order by Chair Sandra Jauregui at 3:14 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29, 2019, in Room 3142 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4406 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. Copies of the minutes, including the Agenda ([Exhibit A](#)), the Attendance Roster ([Exhibit B](#)), and other substantive exhibits, are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and on the Nevada Legislature's website at www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/80th2019.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui, Chair
Assemblyman Ozzie Fumo, Vice Chair
Assemblyman Skip Daly
Assemblyman Glen Leavitt
Assemblywoman Brittney Miller
Assemblywoman Daniele Monroe-Moreno
Assemblyman Tom Roberts
Assemblywoman Selena Torres

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Assemblyman John Hambrick (excused)
Assemblyman William McCurdy II (excused)

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carol Stonefield, Committee Policy Analyst
Kevin Powers, Committee Counsel
Catherine Bodenstein, Committee Secretary
Melissa Loomis, Committee Assistant



OTHERS PRESENT:

Tracy Bower, Director of External Affairs, Desert Research Institute

Chair Jauregui:

[Roll was called.] We have a short agenda today, and I would like to get started with our work session to give our bill sponsors some time to get here. I will turn it over to our policy analyst, Ms. Stonefield, so she can get started with our first work session on Senate Bill 50 (1st Reprint).

Senate Bill 50 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions governing the temporary limited appointment of persons with disabilities by state agencies. (BDR 23-230)

Carol Stonefield, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 50 (1st Reprint) was heard in this Committee on May 23, 2019, and it was presented by a representative of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) ([Exhibit C](#)).

Senate Bill 50 (1st Reprint) makes discretionary the temporary limited appointments to certain state agency position, not to exceed 700 hours, of certified persons with disabilities. Instead, the bill requires the state agency to consider any such person who is eligible for the appointment, and authorizes the temporary limited appointment to the position.

The bill clarifies that a person with a disability who is certified by the Rehabilitation Division of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation must be able to perform the functions of the appointed position with or without reasonable accommodations.

Senate Bill 50 (1st Reprint) provides that a temporary limited appointment is allowed and is not a conflict of interest if such appointment is in the same agency from which the appointed person receives benefits.

There is an amendment that has been submitted by DETR. It is behind the bill page in your work session document [pages 2-4, ([Exhibit C](#))]. The committee counsel has a comment on this.

Chair Jauregui:

It was my concern, and the concern of the Committee as a whole, that we do not limit the program, that we do not take it from being a mandatory to a permissive program. If you could help explain to make sure this amendment does just that: keeps it as a permanent, mandatory program, as well as expands on who can now be hired even if they are receiving benefits from the department.

Kevin Powers, Committee Counsel:

The proposal that is being submitted by DETR would do just that. In section 1, subsection 1, it would remove all of the changes proposed in Senate Bill 50 (1st Reprint) [page 2,

([Exhibit C](#))]. What that would do is restore section 1, subsection 1, back to existing law. It would be a mandatory program. Those agencies of the Executive Department would provide that they shall, if possible, make the temporary limited appointment under the 700-hour program. That is existing law. They would have a mandatory duty, and they would only have discretion if the appointment was not possible under the particular circumstances of an individual case. The amendment then restructures the numbering of the section back to its existing subsection numbering.

The amendment then leaves in place the parts that are shown in the amendment as section 1, subsection 4 [page 3, ([Exhibit C](#))]. What that does is that it says if a person with a disability is receiving benefits from that agency, he or she can still be appointed under the 700-hour program so long as that appointment does not create an actual conflict of interest. That broadens the programs and makes it more available to additional people with a disability who do not have an actual conflict of interest.

Chair Jauregui:

Again, with this bill, we are actually now able to broaden the program which is something that we were all trying to aim for. Do you have any questions for our counsel? [There were none.]

With that, I will accept a motion to amend and do pass.

ASSEMBLYMAN FUMO MADE A MOTION TO AMEND AND DO PASS
SENATE BILL 50 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TORRES SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN HAMBRICK AND
McCURDY WERE ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Torres.

The next item on our agenda is a work session for Senate Bill 276 (1st Reprint).

Senate Bill 276 (1st Reprint): Directs the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study concerning the costs of prescription drugs. (BDR 57-599)

Carol Stonefield, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 276 (1st Reprint) was heard in this Committee on May 2, 2019 ([Exhibit D](#)). It was presented by Senator Yvanna Cancela. This bill proposes to require the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee, consisting of six legislators, to conduct an interim study

concerning the cost of prescription drugs in this state and the impact of rebates, reductions in price, and other remuneration from manufacturers on prescription drug prices.

The committee must seek assistance from experts in this field. The committee is required to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislative Committee on Health Care and the director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

The staff is aware of no amendments on this measure.

Chair Jauregui:

Committee, do you have any questions? Seeing none, I will entertain a motion to do pass Senate Bill 276 (1st Reprint).

ASSEMBLYMAN ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO DO PASS
SENATE BILL 276 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN HAMBRICK AND
McCURDY WERE ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblyman Roberts.

That concludes our work session. Our next item on the agenda is Senate Concurrent Resolution 1 (1st Reprint). I understand that the primary bill sponsor is on the floor, but I believe we have the cosponsors here. Would you like to present the resolution? It is my understanding that it might be a quick Senate floor session. If you would like to wait, we can wait for the Senator, or if you would like to get started, we can get started on the bill hearing.

Tracy Bower, Director of External Affairs, Desert Research Institute:

We would prefer to wait for Senator Pat Spearman, if that is okay with you.

Chair Jauregui:

We will stand in recess [at 3:20 p.m.] until call of the Chair.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 1 (1st Reprint): Directs the Legislative Committee on
Energy to conduct an interim study concerning the development of renewable
energy and clean energy resources in this State. (BDR R-117)

[Senate Concurrent Resolution 1 (1st Reprint) was agendized but not heard.]

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 6 (1st Reprint): Directs the Sunset Subcommittee of the
Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study concerning professional and
occupational licensing boards. (BDR R-520)**

[Senate Concurrent Resolution 6 (1st Reprint) was agendized but not heard.]

[The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.]

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Catherine Bodenstein
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda.

[Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster.

[Exhibit C](#) is the Work Session Document for Senate Bill 50 (1st Reprint), dated May 29, 2019, presented by Carol Stonefield, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

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