

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

**Eightieth Session
March 21, 2019**

The Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections was called to order by Chair Sandra Jauregui at 4:02 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, 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
Assemblyman William McCurdy II
Assemblywoman Brittney Miller
Assemblywoman Daniele Monroe-Moreno
Assemblyman Tom Roberts
Assemblywoman Selena Torres

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Assemblyman John Hambrick (excused)

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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



OTHERS PRESENT:

None

Chair Jauregui:

[Roll was called and Committee protocols were explained.] Welcome to the Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. We are going to get started with the first work session of the evening, Assembly Bill 111.

Assembly Bill 111: Requires the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice to conduct a study concerning the funding of the child welfare system in this State. (BDR S-451)

Carol Stonefield, Committee Policy Analyst:

In your binder behind the first tab, you have Assembly Bill 111 ([Exhibit C](#)). This is a measure that was brought at the request of the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice. It was heard in this Committee on March 12, 2019. It was presented by Assemblywoman Monroe-Moreno.

This bill proposes to require the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice to conduct during the next interim a study of the funding of the child welfare system in Nevada. The bill includes an appropriation of \$250,000 to employ a consultant to assist the committee. The study must analyze current models and sources for funding, identify potential sources of funding to support child welfare agencies, and it must conduct a cost-benefit analysis of replacing the existing case management system with a new system. There are no amendments for this measure, and there was no opposition during the hearing.

Chair Jauregui:

I will entertain a motion on Assembly Bill 111 to do pass.

ASSEMBLYMAN LEAVITT MADE A MOTION TO DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 111.

ASSEMBLYMAN DALY SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMAN HAMBRICK WAS ABSENT
FOR THE VOTE.)

I will assign that floor statement to Assemblywoman Monroe-Moreno.

The second item on the agenda is a work session for Assembly Joint Resolution 2 of the 79th Session ([Exhibit D](#)).

Assembly Joint Resolution 2 of the 79th Session: Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to require the recognition of all marriages regardless of gender. (BDR C-690)

Carol Stonefield, Committee Policy Analyst:

Assembly Joint Resolution 2 of the 79th Session was heard in this Committee on March 12, 2019. It was presented by Assemblywoman Jauregui. This resolution proposes to amend the *Nevada Constitution* to revise Article 1, Section 21 by repealing the provisions that recognize and give effect only to a marriage between a male and a female person.

The proposed amendment would provide that the state and its political subdivisions shall recognize marriages and issue licenses to couples regardless of gender. Religious organizations and members of clergy have the right to refuse to participate in such marriage ceremonies without creating any right of claim against the organization or member of the clergy. All legally valid marriages must be treated equally under the law.

There was opposition to this measure during the hearing. A special note, Madam Chair, that this was approved in the 2017 Session. If approved by the Legislature in the 2019 Session, this resolution will be submitted to the voters at the 2020 General Election.

Chair Jauregui:

Thank you. I will entertain a motion to do pass Assembly Joint Resolution 2 of the 79th Session.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO DO PASS
ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 2 OF THE 79TH SESSION.

ASSEMBLYMAN FUMO SECONDED THE MOTION.

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

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMAN HAMBRICK WAS ABSENT
FOR THE VOTE.)

I will assign that floor statement to myself.

The next item on the agenda is public comment. Is there anyone here in Carson City or Las Vegas who wishes to give public comment? [There was no one.]

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at 4 p.m. The meeting is adjourned [at 4:07 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 a Work Session Document for Assembly Bill 111, dated March 21, 2019, presented by Carol Stonefield, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit D](#) is a Work Session Document for Assembly Joint Resolution 2 of the 79th Session, dated March 21, 2019, presented by Carol Stonefield, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.