

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

**Eightieth Session
May 15, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Government Affairs was called to order by Chair David R. Parks at 2:37 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, in Room 2149 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4404B 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 Melanie Scheible, Vice Chair
Senator James Ohrenschall
Senator Ben Kieckhefer
Senator Pete Goicoechea

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst
Heidi Chlarson, Committee Counsel
Suzanne Efford, Committee Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Gregory Ott, Chief Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Julia Peek, Deputy Director, Department of Health and Human Services

CHAIR PARKS:

We will open the work session with Senate Bill (S.B.) 538.

SENATE BILL 538: Revises provisions relating to the provision of information and services to immigrants in this State. (BDR 18-1222)

JENNIFER RUEDY (Committee Policy Analyst):

I will present an overview of S.B. 538 from the work session document ([Exhibit C](#)).

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SENATOR OHRENSCHALL MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 538.

SENATOR SCHEIBLE SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

I have a number of constituents who are concerned about the undocumented workers who can access services through the Office for New Americans. I will vote no on the bill.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATOR GOICOECHEA VOTED NO.)

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CHAIR PARKS:

The next bill is Assembly Bill (A.B.) 212.

ASSEMBLY BILL 212 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions governing the confidentiality of personal information of certain persons. (BDR 20-620)

Ms. RUEDY:

I will summarize A.B. 212 from the work session document ([Exhibit D](#)).

SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 212.

SENATOR OHRENSCHALL SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR PARKS:

Assembly Bill 220 is the next bill in the work session.

ASSEMBLY BILL 220: Requires the issuance of bonds for environmental improvement projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin. (BDR S-435)

Ms. RUEDY:

I will summarize A.B. 220 from the work session document ([Exhibit E](#)).

SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 220.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR PARKS:

The next bill on the work session is A.B. 70.

ASSEMBLY BILL 70 (2nd Reprint): Revises provisions governing the Open Meeting Law. (BDR 19-421)

MS. RUEDY:

I will present A.B. 70 and its proposed amendment from the work session document (Exhibit F).

The proposed amendment addresses section 6 and section 10 of the bill, page 2, Exhibit F. The proposed amendment provides additional clarity. Pages 3, 4 and 5 of the proposed amendment, Exhibit F, outline the language to be added in section 6 and section 10 of the bill.

There was also a change to section 5 that the Committee Counsel would like to mention.

HEIDI CHLARSON (Committee Counsel):

A drafting issue on page 6 of the second reprint of A.B. 70 was brought to the attention of the Attorney General's Office and Chair Parks. The intent of the language on the top of page 6 requires, under certain circumstances, that subcommittees or working groups of a public body be subject to the Open Meeting Law. Language on line 5 of page 6 of the bill states "or working group." The words "or working group" should be deleted in order to make clear that the public body authorizes a working group or a subcommittee to make a recommendation which triggers the requirement that the working group is subject to the Open Meeting Law. It is not a working group deciding to make a recommendation on its own.

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CHAIR PARKS:

Is it correct that three words "or working group" are to be deleted?

Ms. CHLARSON:

That is correct.

GREGORY OTT (Chief Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General):

Yes, that is correct.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS
AMENDED A.B. 70.

SENATOR OHRENSCHALL SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR PARKS:

We will go to A.B. 18 in the work session.

ASSEMBLY BILL 18 (1st Reprint): Authorizes incorporated cities to install and maintain ramps on certain public easements and rights-of-way. (BDR 21-433)

Ms. RUEDY:

I will present an overview of A.B. 18 from the work session document ([Exhibit G](#)).

SENATOR SCHEIBLE MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 18.

SENATOR OHRENSCHALL SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR PARKS:

The next bill in the work session is A.B. 136.

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ASSEMBLY BILL 136: Makes various changes relating to public construction.
(BDR 28-145)

Ms. RUEDY:

I will summarize A.B. 136 from the work session document ([Exhibit H](#)).

SENATOR SCHEIBLE MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 136.

SENATOR OHRENSCHALL SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATORS GOICOECHEA AND KIECKHEFER VOTED NO.)

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CHAIR PARKS:

The next bill is A.B. 174:

ASSEMBLY BILL 174 (1st Reprint): Establishes the Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing. (BDR 18-94)

Ms. RUEDY:

I will present an overview of A.B. 174 and its amendment proposed by Mike Dyer ([Exhibit I](#)).

Because this was the late Assemblyman Tyrone Thompson's bill, we are unable to determine whether the proposed amendment is a friendly amendment. I was instructed by Assembly Leadership to reach out to Emily Paulson, Nevada Homeless Alliance, or Julia Peek and Ellen Richardson-Adams, Department of Health and Human Services, who worked closely with Assemblyman Thompson on this bill. Does the Committee wish to ask them what the opinion is on the proposed amendment?

SENATOR OHRENSCHALL:

If the Committee is considering amending and moving the bill forward, would the Chair consider adding our names as cosponsors?

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CHAIR PARKS:

At this point I do not know if there is an amendment, but I am sure we could do that.

SENATOR OHRENSCHALL:

I do not want to slow the bill's progress, but if there is going to be an amendment I would be honored to be a cosponsor of my late friend's bill.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Perhaps Ms. Julia Peek could tell us if she has any insight into Assemblyman Thompson's intentions on the proposed amendment.

JULIA PEEK (Deputy Director, Department of Health and Human Services):

Our understanding was that Assemblyman Thompson wanted providers to serve on the technical advisory committee, which is a subcommittee, to help prepare the strategic plan and not on the Nevada Interagency Advisory Council on Homelessness to Housing. We are happy to implement it in whatever way the Committee wants.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

I understand that to mean Assemblyman Thompson did not like Mr. Dyer's suggested amendment. However, Mr. Dyer and other providers could serve on the technical advisory committee that is to be created. It is my intention to ensure that happens.

CHAIR PARKS:

Other feedback we received was of a similar nature.

If the Committee would like their names added as cosponsors on the bill, we can handle that as a proposed amendment to the bill.

SENATOR SCHEIBLE MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED
A.B. 174 WITH ADDING THE COMMITTEE'S NAMES AS COSPONSORS
AS THE ONLY AMENDMENT.

SENATOR OHRENSCHALL SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR PARKS:

The next bill to be considered in the work session is A.B. 190.

ASSEMBLY BILL 190 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions relating to certain construction. (BDR 28-637)

Ms. RUEDY:

I will summarize A.B. 190 as contained in the work session document (Exhibit J).

Subsequent to the hearing, the bill's sponsor requested that section 31 of the bill, which would repeal *Nevada Revised Statutes* 338.1405 regarding project labor agreements, be deleted because section 7 of Senate Bill 231 contains an identical provision. The Assembly Committee on Government Affairs passed S.B. 231 out of committee this morning.

SENATE BILL 231 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions relating to certain construction. (BDR 28-910)

CHAIR PARKS:

Section 7 of S.B. 231 containing an identical provision was passed this morning. I do not know if we need to do anything since we are doing the same thing regarding repealing an NRS section. These two bills are not in conflict with each other. Our Committee Counsel would not be required to draft an amendment. My recommendation is to simply do pass A.B. 190.

SENATOR OHRENSCHALL MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 190.

SENATOR SCHEIBLE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATORS GOICOECHEA AND KIECKHEFER VOTED NO.)

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CHAIR PARKS:

The next bill in the work session is A.B. 362.

ASSEMBLY BILL 362 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions governing the confidentiality of the personal information of certain public employees. (BDR 20-763)

MS. RUEDY:

I will present an overview of A.B. 362 from the work session document ([Exhibit K](#)).

CHAIR PARKS:

There had been some discussion about adding an amendment to this bill. I have been told that rather than amending this bill in Committee, it could be done as a Floor amendment.

SENATOR SCHEIBLE MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 362.

SENATOR OHRENSCHALL SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR PARKS:

The last bill in the work session is A.B. 429.

ASSEMBLY BILL 429 (1st Reprint): Enacts provisions relating to veterans. (BDR 18-168)

MS. RUEDY:

I will present an overview of A.B. 429 and its proposed amendment from the work session document ([Exhibit L](#)). The proposed amendment is in the last paragraph on page 3 of [Exhibit L](#).

SENATOR SCHEIBLE MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED A.B. 429.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER SECONDED THE MOTION.

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THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR PARKS:

That concludes the work session for today's hearing. Having no further business to come before the Senate Committee on Government Affairs, we are adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Suzanne Efford,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator David R. Parks, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBIT SUMMARY				
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A.B. 212	D	1	Jennifer Ruedy	Work Session Document
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A.B. 136	H	1	Jennifer Ruedy	Work Session Document
A.B. 174	I	2	Jennifer Ruedy	Work Session Document
A.B. 190	J	1	Jennifer Ruedy	Work Session Document
A.B. 362	K	1	Jennifer Ruedy	Work Session Document
A.B. 429	L	4	Jennifer Ruedy	Work Session Document