

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Eightieth Session
May 6, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Health and Human Services was called to order by Chair Julia Ratti at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2019, in Room 2135 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4412E 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 Julia Ratti, Chair
Senator Pat Spearman, Vice Chair
Senator Joyce Woodhouse
Senator Joseph P. Hardy
Senator Scott Hammond

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson, Assembly District No. 27

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Megan Comlossy, Committee Policy Analyst
Eric Robbins, Committee Counsel
Vickie Polzien, Committee Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeffrey Kinder, P.E., Deputy Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection,
Department of Conservation & Natural Resources
Kyle Davis, Nevada Conservation League
Alexis Motarex, Nevada Chapter Associated General Contractors

CHAIR RATTI:

I will open the hearing on Assembly Bill (A.B.) 133.

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ASSEMBLY BILL 133 (1st Reprint): Sets forth legislative findings and declarations concerning homeless youth. (BDR S-399)

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TERESA BENITEZ-THOMPSON (Assembly District No. 27):
I am here today to present A.B. 133 for your consideration.

This bill is essentially a one-section bill with the purpose of stating a legislative finding that homeless youth are indeed part of the homeless population. This bill comes from conversations with Eddy House which is a drop-in center for homeless youth in Reno. In 2018, they served 682 homeless youth from the ages of 18 to 24. Of these 682 youth, 71 percent were from Washoe County with 8 percent from rural Nevada.

We have specific groups in the State that work around homeless youth. We are hoping to make a declaration that we see this population as a population that is different, has different needs and receives services in different ways from our adult homeless population. This includes funding pathways from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development when they are looking at their continuum of care and count days specific to homeless youth.

It is fitting and appropriate that we make an acknowledgment of this population within the present Nevada statutes.

I have submitted information on the 2018 HUD Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs ([Exhibit C](#) and [Exhibit D](#)) and the 2018 Washoe County Homeless Youth PIT Count Results ([Exhibit E](#)).

CHAIR RATTI:

I will entertain a motion on A.B. 133.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 133.

SENATOR HARDY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR RATTI:

I will close the hearing on A.B. 133 and open the hearing on A.B. 353.

ASSEMBLY BILL 353 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions governing the disposition of certain types of materials and waste produced by certain governmental entities. (BDR 40-623)

JEFFREY KINDER, P.E. (Deputy Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Department of Conservation & Natural Resources):

I am here to present A.B. 353 and the proposed amendment ([Exhibit F](#)) at the request of the bill sponsor Assemblywoman Heidi Swank, Assembly District No. 16, and testify in support of the bill. I will read from my prepared testimony ([Exhibit G](#)).

KYLE DAVIS (Nevada Conservation League):

The Nevada Conservation League supports A.B. 353. We are happy to see that a bill has been brought forward that has to do with protecting our environment. We do believe this bill will increase the rate of recycling in Nevada and lead to our State government leading by example and increasing our rate of recycling to extend beyond paper products.

ALEXIS MOTAREX (Nevada Chapter Associated General Contractors):

The Nevada Chapter Associated General Contractors supports A.B. 353.

CHAIR RATTI:

I will close the hearing on A.B. 353 and open the work session on A.B. 156.

ASSEMBLY BILL 156 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions governing the education of a child who is in need of protection. (BDR 38-458)

MEGAN COMLOSSY (Committee Policy Analyst):

I will read the summary of the bill from the work session document ([Exhibit H](#)).

CHAIR RATTI:

I will entertain a motion on A.B. 156.

SENATOR SPEARMAN MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 156.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR RATTI:

I will open the work session on A.B. 164.

ASSEMBLY BILL 164 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions relating to marijuana.
(BDR 40-619)

Ms. COMLOSSY:

I will read the summary of the bill from the work session document ([Exhibit I](#)).

SENATOR HARDY:

I believe this is a well-intentioned bill; however, I have issues with the content of advertisements waiting to be complained about as opposed to being approved beforehand. I will be voting no.

CHAIR RATTI:

I will entertain a motion on A.B. 164.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 164.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATOR HARDY VOTED NO.)

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CHAIR RATTI:

I will open the work session on A.B. 228.

ASSEMBLY BILL 228 (1st Reprint): Expands the jurisdiction of the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman to protect persons receiving services from certain additional entities. (BDR 38-171)

Ms. COMLOSSY:

I will read the summary of the bill from the work session document ([Exhibit J](#)).

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CHAIR RATTI:

I will entertain a motion on A.B. 228.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 228.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR RATTI:

We have made an error on the work session on A.B. 164. We made a motion to "Do Pass" when there were two amendments to the bill, amendments No. 41 and No. 667.

I will take a motion to rescind the previous action on A.B. 164.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO RESCIND THE PREVIOUS ACTION ON A.B. 164.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR RATTI:

I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass on A.B. 164.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED A.B. 164.

SENATOR SPEARMAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATOR HARDY VOTED NO.)

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CHAIR RATTI:

We have received support testimony on A.B. 353 from the Sierra Club Toiyabe Chapter ([Exhibit K](#)).

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CHAIR RATTI:

Seeing no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Vickie Polzien,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator Julia Ratti, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBIT SUMMARY				
Bill	Exhibit / # of pages		Witness / Entity	Description
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A.B. 133	C	2	Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson	HUD 2018 Housing Inventory Count Report
A.B. 133	D	2	Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson	HUD 2018 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Homeless Populations and Subpopulations
A.B. 133	E	5	Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson	2018 Washoe County Homeless Youth PIT Count Results
A.B. 353	F	8	Assemblywoman Heidi Swank	Proposed Amendment
A.B. 353	G	3	Jeff Kinder / Department of Conservation & Natural Resources	Testimony in Support
A.B. 156	H	1	Megan Comlossy	Work Session Document
A.B. 164	I	1	Megan Comlossy	Work Session Document
A.B. 228	J	1	Megan Comlossy	Work Session Document
A.B. 353	K	1	Sierra Club Toiyabe Chapter	Testimony in Support