

**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

**Eightieth Session  
April 11, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Judiciary was called to order by Chair Nicole J. Cannizzaro at 8:21 a.m. on Thursday, April 11, 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 Nicole J. Cannizzaro, Chair  
Senator Dallas Harris, Vice Chair  
Senator James Ohrenschall  
Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop  
Senator Melanie Scheible  
Senator Scott Hammond  
Senator Ira Hansen  
Senator Keith F. Pickard

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Patrick Guinan, Committee Policy Analyst  
Nicolas Anthony, Committee Counsel  
Eileen Church, Committee Secretary

CHAIR CANNIZZARO:

I will open the hearing of the Senate Committee on Judiciary. Senate Bill (S.B.) 342 and S.B. 368 have been pulled from the agenda. I will open the work session on S.B. 121.

[SENATE BILL 342](#): Revises provisions relating to animals. (BDR 14-748)

[SENATE BILL 368](#): Revises provisions relating to protections for victims of crime. (BDR 2-166)

[SENATE BILL 121](#): Revises provisions relating to fiduciaries. (BDR 13-99)

PATRICK GUINAN (Committee Policy Analyst):

The work session document ([Exhibit C](#)) summarizes S.B. 121. There are three items to note under the amendments section. Senator Woodhouse proposed an amendment to the bill intended to address concerns voiced by Clark County and several of the smaller counties. That amendment differentiates between counties with populations of less than 100,000 residents and larger counties. Senator Ohrenschall proposes to amend section 7 of the bill and add a friendly amendment to provide that a public guardian who seeks to conduct an investigation of a potential ward must petition the district court in the relevant county to order such an investigation before the wardship is established. There are two conceptual amendments.

At the initial hearing on the bill, Scott Anderson, representing the Secretary of State's Office, pointed out that his office would prefer to see S.B. 121 and S.B. 223 mirror each other in regard to certain notarial language that was stricken in S.B. 223 and not in S.B. 121. Legal Counsel will ensure the bills mirror each other as is relevant.

**SENATE BILL 223**: Revises provisions relating to persons in need of care or assistance. (BDR 13-67)

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED S.B. 121.

SENATOR OHRENSCHALL SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR CANNIZZARO:

I will close the work session on S.B. 121 and open the work session on S.B. 162.

**SENATE BILL 162**: Revises provisions relating to electronic transactions. (BDR 59-876)

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MR. GUINAN:

The work session document ([Exhibit D](#)) summarizes S.B. 162. The Committee heard this bill on February 27. Senator Kieckhefer has proposed an amendment to the bill.

SENATOR PICKARD MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED  
S.B. 162.

SENATOR HARRIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR OHRENSCHALL:

I will be voting to support this out of Committee today. I will be reserving my right as I have some concerns that I expressed to Senator Kieckhefer from the Uniform Law Commission. My concerns are not with the substance of the bill, but with the proposed amendment to the Uniform Electronic Transmissions Act.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR CANNIZZARO:

I will close the work session on S.B. 162 and open the work session on S.B. 163.

**SENATE BILL 163**: Revises provisions relating to technology used by certain business entities. (BDR 7-877)

MR. GUINAN:

The work session document ([Exhibit E](#)) summarizes S.B. 163. The Committee heard this bill on February 27. Senator Kieckhefer has proposed an amendment to the bill.

SENATOR PICKARD MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED  
S.B. 163.

SENATOR HANSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR CANNIZZARO:

I will close the work session on S.B. 163 and open the work session on S.B. 433.

**SENATE BILL 433**: Revises the provisions of the California-Nevada Compact for Jurisdiction on Interstate Waters. (BDR 14-439)

MR. GUINAN:

The work session document ([Exhibit F](#)) summarizes S.B. 433. The Committee heard this bill on April 8. There are two amendments to the bill proposed by Senator Harris. The intent of the two amendments is to clarify prohibited conduct addressed by the bill must have allegedly occurred on the water and/or the shoreline of the interstate waters. The Nevada Department of Wildlife has an additional amendment to rename the compact to the California-Nevada Compact for Jurisdiction on Interstate Waters and to reduce the mileage surrounding these waters with a concurrent jurisdiction from 10 miles to 5 miles.

SENATOR OHRENSCHALL MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED S.B. 433.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR CANNIZZARO:

I will close the work session on S.B. 433 and open the work session on S.B. 435.

**SENATE BILL 435**: Enacts provisions relating to certain releases of liability. (BDR 2-1148)

MR. GUINAN:

The work session document ([Exhibit G](#)) summarizes S.B. 435. The Committee heard this bill on April 8. The Nevada Justice Association offered a friendly amendment at the initial hearing requiring the sharing of medical records between a claimant and an insurer.

SENATOR HARRIS MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED  
S.B. 435.

SENATOR HAMMOND SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR CANNIZZARO:

I will close the work session on S.B. 435 and adjourn this meeting at 8:34 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Eileen Church,  
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Senator Nicole J. Cannizzaro, Chair

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY				
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