

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

**Eightieth Session
May 17, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections was called to order by Chair James Ohrenschall at 3:37 p.m. on Friday, May 17, 2019, in Room 2144 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 James Ohrenschall, Chair
Senator Yvanna D. Cancela, Vice Chair
Senator Marcia Washington
Senator Heidi Seevers Gansert
Senator Keith F. Pickard

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Stewart, Committee Policy Analyst
Kevin Powers, Committee Counsel
Diane Rea, Committee Secretary

Chair Ohrenschall opened the work session with Assembly Joint Resolution (A.J.R.) 1.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 1: Expresses objection to the transfer of radioactive plutonium to this State. (BDR R-977)

Michael Stewart, Committee Policy Analyst, read the work session document ([Exhibit C](#)) and explained the proposed conceptual amendment.

SENATOR PICKARD MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED
A.J.R. 1 WITH THE PROPOSED CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT.

SENATOR WASHINGTON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Ohrenschall said Assembly Bill (A.B.) 282 is next.

ASSEMBLY BILL 282 (1st Reprint): Revises the Charter of the City of Henderson. (BDR 24-939)

Michael Stewart, Committee Policy Analyst, read the work session document and explained the proposed conceptual amendment ([Exhibit D](#)).

Kevin Powers, Committee Counsel, stated sections 3 and 4 of the bill: section 3 deals with the primary elections in Henderson, section 4 deals with general elections. The purpose of the technical amendment is to ensure that the language requiring ward-only voting is the same in the section for primary elections and the same in the sections for general elections. And in section 5, that provision requires the City Council to submit the question to the voters and to follow certain procedures in *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 293.481. However, there is a provision in [NRS] 293.481 that allows the City Council to withdraw a ballot question. However, that would be contrary to the whole purpose of this bill, so therefore there is an exception that says although the City Council must follow the procedures for submitting it to the people, the City Council cannot withdraw the question from the voters. Therefore, that is the technical amendment being made to this bill.

Senator Pickard stated the purpose is to make the City Council as responsive to its voters as possible, and once brought to the voters, this will pass with a large margin.

SENATOR PICKARD MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED
A.B. 282 WITH THE PROPOSED CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT.

SENATOR CANCELA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Senator Ohrenschall said A.B. 488 is next.

ASSEMBLY BILL 488: Revises requirement to submit certain reports to the Legislature. (BDR 16-1257)

Michael Stewart, Committee Policy Analyst, read the work session document ([Exhibit E](#)).

SENATOR CANCELA MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 488.

SENATOR PICKARD SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Ohrenschall closed the work session.

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Having no further business, Senator Ohrenschall adjourned the Committee meeting at 3:48 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Diane Rea,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator James Ohrenschall, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBIT SUMMARY				
Bill	Exhibit / # of pages		Witness / Entity	Description
	A	1		Agenda
	B	1		Attendance Roster
A.J.R. 1	C	5	Michael Stewart	Work Session Document
A.B. 282	D	2	Michael Stewart	Work Session Document
A.B. 488	E	1	Michael Stewart	Work Session Document