

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

**Eightieth Session
March 20, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections was called to order by Chair James Ohrenschall at 3:47 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, in Room 2144 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4412 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
Senator Heidi Seevers Gansert
Senator Keith F. Pickard

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Nicole J. Cannizzaro (Excused)

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

Assemblywoman Sarah Peters, Assembly District No. 24

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Stewart, Committee Policy Analyst
Diane Rea, Committee Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Will Durham, Teacher, Carson Montessori School
Tyler Varner, Student, Carson Montessori School
Devyn Kellner, Student, Carson Montessori School
Sadie Brown, Student, Carson Montessori School

Chair Ohrenschall opened the hearing on Assembly Bill (A.B.) 182.

ASSEMBLY BILL 182: Designates neon as the official state element of the State of Nevada. (BDR 19-670)

Assemblywoman Sarah Peters, Assembly District No. 24, did a brief introduction to the bill designating neon as the State element. The Montessori school approached her, the class of fifth and sixth graders, with the idea of making neon the State element. No other state has an official element so this is unique to Nevada.

Will Durham, Teacher, Carson Montessori School, gave a statement, Neon, Nevada State Symbol Proposal ([Exhibit C](#)). The presentation was accompanied by pictures of the neon signs around Nevada ([Exhibit D](#)).

Tyler Varner, Student, Carson Montessori School, gave a presentation about the importance of a State element ([Exhibit E](#)).

Senator Pickard asked why not silver?

Mr. Varner replied silver is a metal and an element. Neon deserves to be a State element.

Chair Ohrenschall stated neon is a noble gas.

Devyn Kellner, Student, Carson Montessori School, gave a presentation about the energy efficiency of neon ([Exhibit F](#)).

Sadie Brown, Student, Carson Montessori School, gave a presentation about the Nevada glow ([Exhibit G](#)).

Chair Ohrenschall closed the hearing on A.B. 182.

SENATOR GANSERT MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 182.

SENATOR PICKARD SECONDED THE MOTION.

Senator Cancela stated she has more neon in her district than anyone else in the building because she represents the Las Vegas Strip. She extended a tremendous amount of gratitude to all in the Montessori School who have worked so hard on this bill.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Senator Gansert will give the Floor statement. Chair Ohrenschall explained the Committee would coordinate with Mr. Durham so the children could come to the Floor meeting and explained that, if the bill passes, it would go to Governor Steve Sisolak.

Chair Ohrenschall closed the hearing on A.B. 182 and opened the work session on S.B. 24.

SENATE BILL 24: Revises provisions governing the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum. (BDR 38-534)

Michael Stewart, Committee Policy Analyst, gave a briefing of the bill and a proposed conceptual amendment in the work session document ([Exhibit H](#)). Mr. Stewart explained section 4, relating to the Forum's request for an increase in the number of bill drafts, would maintain the Silver Haired Forum's BDR allocation at one.

SENATOR PICKARD MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED S.B. 24.

SENATOR CANCELA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Ohrenschall closed the hearing on S.B. 24 and adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Diane Rea,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator James Ohrenschall, Chair

DATE: _____

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