

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Eightieth Session
June 1, 2019**

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources was called to order by Chair Melanie Scheible at 3:43 p.m. on Saturday, June 1, 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 Melanie Scheible, Chair
Senator Chris Brooks, Vice Chair
Senator Dallas Harris
Senator Pete Goicoechea
Senator Ira Hansen

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

Assemblyman William McCurdy II, Assembly District No. 6

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alysa Keller, Committee Policy Analyst
Erin Sturdivant, Committee Counsel
Christine Miner, Committee Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

CHAIR SCHEIBLE:

We will open the hearing on Assembly Bill (A.B.) 96.

ASSEMBLY BILL 96 (1st Reprint): Requires the creation of the Historic Sites Passport Program as a pilot program. (BDR 33-505)

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ASSEMBLYMAN WILLIAM MCCURDY II (Assembly District No. 6):

I will present A.B. 96 which seeks to create a pilot program through the Office of Historic Preservation of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to create a Historic Sites Passport Program similar to that of the State Parks.

It was determined that not all of the historic sites are accessible to the general public. Many of the historic sites could be privately owned. Twenty-eight sites are identified as usable. With the allocation attached, A.B. 96 will be an appropriation to the Office of Historic Preservation to determine and develop a program. It will be enacted by July, 2021. This will allow time to establish the program and identify the challenges.

CHAIR SCHEIBLE:

Has A.B. 96 been through the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means with the appropriation?

ASSEMBLYMAN MCCURDY II:

Yes, that is correct.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

Is A.B. 96 patterned after the "I Survived Highway 50" program? It is a program for individuals to stop at designated points along Highway 50 and have the program pamphlet stamped.

ASSEMBLYMAN MCCURDY II:

Yes, it is similar.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

That particular program was brought forward and funded by the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs. Why bring A.B. 96 to the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources with the appropriation?

ASSEMBLYMAN MCCURDY II:

The Office of Historic Preservation of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources will work in collaboration with the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs to develop this program. It is similar to the Nevada State Parks Passport Program.

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SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

Will it be a passport or a stamp program?

ASSEMBLYMAN MCCURDY II:

It will be similar to the program promoting Nevada State Parks which uses a passport. The reason for 28 sites is because those are the sites identified as safe. The Post Office is a historic site and is manned with personnel. When this comes back before the 81st Legislative Session, details will be provided on what this program will accomplish.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

Austin has a main street that is declared historic, as is Eureka. There are many more historic places. I tend to view it more as economic development and tourism. Most of the historic places are on the historic preservation list and on the National Register of Historic Places.

CHAIR SCHEIBLE:

We will close the hearing on A.B. 96 and open a work session on A.B. 96. I will entertain a motion.

SENATOR HARRIS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 96.

SENATOR BROOKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR SCHEIBLE:

Having no more business, we will adjourn at 3:49 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Christine Miner,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator Melanie Scheible, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBIT SUMMARY				
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