

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Eighty-First Session
May 28, 2021**

The Committee on Health and Human Services was called to order by Chair Rochelle T. Nguyen at 4:06 p.m. on Friday, May 28, 2021, Online and in Room 3138 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. Copies of the minutes, including the Agenda ([Exhibit A](#)), the Attendance Roster ([Exhibit B](#)), and other substantive exhibits, are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and on the Nevada Legislature's website at www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblywoman Rochelle T. Nguyen, Chair
Assemblywoman Sarah Peters, Vice Chair
Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson
Assemblywoman Annie Black
Assemblywoman Michelle Gorelow
Assemblyman Gregory T. Hafen II
Assemblywoman Lisa Krasner
Assemblyman Andy Matthews
Assemblyman David Orentlicher
Assemblywoman Shondra Summers-Armstrong
Assemblywoman Clara Thomas

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Assemblywoman Robin L. Titus (excused)

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst
Karly O'Krent, Committee Counsel
Nick Christie, Committee Manager
Joan Waldock, Committee Secretary
Melissa Loomis, Committee Assistant

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OTHERS PRESENT:

None

Chair Nguyen:

[Roll was called. Committee rules and protocol were explained.] We will begin the work session, starting with Senate Bill 69 (2nd Reprint).

Senate Bill 69 (2nd Reprint): Revises provisions relating to behavioral health. (BDR 39-431)

Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 69 (2nd Reprint) was heard on May 27, 2021 [read from [Exhibit C](#)]. It makes various changes related to behavioral health. The bill removes provisions for the licensing and regulation of peer support recovery organizations and instead prescribes requirements for the certification and regulation of persons who provide peer support recovery services for compensation as a regular part of their job duties. It makes the Nevada Certification Board responsible for certifying peer recovery support specialists and peer recovery support specialist supervisors. If the Nevada Certification Board or its successor organization ceases to certify such persons, the bill makes the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services responsible for certifying and regulating these individuals.

Additionally, S.B. 69 (R2) requires Nevada's Department of Education to develop, maintain, and publish a list of evidence-based curricula and programs concerning substance misuse and substance use disorders. The board of trustees of each school district and the governing body of each charter school must submit a report describing any such curricula or program used or offered during School Year 2020–2021 to the Legislative Committee on Education. The bill also requires public schools to participate in the biennial Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention but authorizes pupils and their parents or guardians to abstain from participation.

Finally, S.B. 69 (R2) requires the State Board of Health to adopt regulations providing for the certification of substance use disorder prevention coalitions and prescribes the duties of a certified substance use disorder prevention coalition. There were no amendments.

Chair Nguyen:

Are there any questions? [There were none.] I would entertain a motion to do pass Senate Bill 69 (2nd Reprint).

ASSEMBLYMAN MATTHEWS MADE A MOTION TO DO PASS
SENATE BILL 69 (2ND REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG SECONDED THE
MOTION.

Are there any comments on the motion? [There were none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS WAS ABSENT
FOR THE VOTE.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Gorelow. Next, we will have a work session on Senate Bill 70 (2nd Reprint).

Senate Bill 70 (2nd Reprint): Revises provisions governing mental health. (BDR 39-418)

Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 70 (2nd Reprint) was heard in this Committee on May 24, 2021 [read from [Exhibit D](#)]. It revises various laws related to mental health. It prescribes separate processes for the detention and release of a person on a mental health crisis hold and the emergency admission of such a person. In addition, the bill prescribes various processes and criteria related to assisted outpatient treatment—outpatient mental health services provided to a person with a mental illness pursuant to a court order.

The bill makes various changes related to conditional release and requires the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of the Attorney General to approve all forms of detainment, evaluation, treatment, and conditional release of any consumer in a mental health facility or a program of assisted outpatient treatment. It revises requirements governing a petition for involuntary court-ordered admission and requires certain notification to be provided if a person is released or transferred to a different mental health facility or hospital. Finally, the bill requires courts to seal records governing proceedings involving a consumer in a mental health facility or a program of assisted outpatient treatment. There were no amendments.

Chair Nguyen:

Are there any questions? [There were none.] I would entertain a motion to do pass Senate Bill 70 (2nd Reprint).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN PETERS MADE A MOTION TO DO PASS
SENATE BILL 70 (2ND REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW SECONDED THE MOTION.

Are there any comments on the motion? [There were none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS WAS ABSENT
FOR THE VOTE.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Titus. Next, we will have a work session on Senate Bill 158 (1st Reprint).

Senate Bill 158 (1st Reprint): Revises requirements to receive assistance from the Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program. (BDR 38-504)

Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 158 (1st Reprint) was heard on May 24, 2021 [read from [Exhibit E](#)]. It revises the conditions that must be met for the relative of a child to receive assistance through the Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program to include a determination by a child welfare agency that returning home or adoption are not appropriate permanency options for the child. There were no amendments.

Chair Nguyen:

Are there any questions? [There were none.] I would entertain a motion to do pass Senate Bill 158 (1st Reprint).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG MADE A MOTION TO
DO PASS SENATE BILL 158 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN PETERS SECONDED THE MOTION.

Are there any comments on the motion? [There were none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS WAS ABSENT
FOR THE VOTE.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Summers-Armstrong. Next, we will have a work session on Senate Bill 175 (1st Reprint).

Senate Bill 175 (1st Reprint): Enacts provisions relating to lupus. (BDR 40-8)

Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 175 (1st Reprint) was heard on May 24, 2021 [read from [Exhibit F](#)]. It requires the state's chief medical officer to establish and maintain a system for the reporting of

information on lupus and its variants. Hospitals, medical laboratories, certain other facilities, and health care providers must report certain information about each case of lupus and its variants diagnosed or treated, as prescribed by the State Board of Health. In addition, the chief administrative officer of each health care facility in Nevada must make the facility's records for each case of lupus available for abstraction by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The Division must publish certain reports based on information received, and it must apply for gifts, grants, and donations to carry out the program, coordinate with related state programs, pay for research, and provide education and support related to lupus and its variants. The bill also appropriates from the State General Fund to DHHS \$200,078 over the 2021–2023 Biennium to pay for an employee to support the system. There were no amendments.

Chair Nguyen:

Are there any questions? [There were none.] I would entertain a motion to do pass Senate Bill 175 (1st Reprint).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN PETERS MADE A MOTION TO DO PASS
SENATE BILL 175 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG SECONDED THE
MOTION.

Are there any comments on the motion? [There were none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN BLACK AND MATTHEWS
VOTED NO. ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS WAS ABSENT FOR THE
VOTE.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Thomas. Next, we will have a work session on Senate Bill 211 (2nd Reprint).

Senate Bill 211 (2nd Reprint): Establishes requirements relating to testing for sexually transmitted diseases. (BDR 40-563)

Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 211 (2nd Reprint) was heard on May 27, 2021 [read from [Exhibit G](#)]. It requires, with certain exceptions, physicians, physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses, or midwives who provide or supervise the provision of emergency medical services in a hospital or primary care to patients who are 15 years of age or older to consult with such patients to determine whether they wish to be tested for sexually transmitted diseases and to determine which tests, if any, are medically indicated and to test a patient who wishes to be tested accordingly.

Senate Bill 211 (2nd Reprint) requires the State Board of Health to adopt regulations to ensure that communications regarding testing are made in a culturally competent manner and, to the extent practicable, in a language easily understood by the patient. Health care providers who fail to comply with these requirements are not subject to criminal penalties or administrative fines, but they are subject to professional discipline, as applicable.

Senate Bill 211 (2nd Reprint) appropriates General Funds of \$25,074 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022–2023 and \$21,431 in FY 2023–2024 to the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy for costs associated with a projected increase in testing for sexually transmitted diseases for Medicaid recipients. There were no amendments.

Chair Nguyen:

Are there any questions? [There were none.] I would entertain a motion to do pass Senate Bill 211 (2nd Reprint).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN PETERS MADE A MOTION TO DO PASS
SENATE BILL 211 (2ND REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYMAN ORENTLICHER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Are there any comments on the motion? [There were none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN BLACK AND MATTHEWS
VOTED NO. ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS WAS ABSENT FOR THE
VOTE.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Peters. Next, we will have a work session on Senate Bill 318 (1st Reprint).

Senate Bill 318 (1st Reprint): Makes various changes relating to improving access to governmental services for persons with limited English proficiency. (BDR 40-955)

Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 318 (1st Reprint) was heard on May 24, 2021 [read from [Exhibit H](#)]. It requires the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services and district health departments to take reasonable measures to ensure that people with limited English proficiency have meaningful and timely access to services to restrain the spread of COVID-19. The Division and district health departments must research and apply for available federal and private funding that could be used to support these activities.

In addition, S.B. 318 (R1) requires each agency in the executive department of the state government to develop and biennially update a language access plan that includes information related to existing services available to individuals with limited English

proficiency and recommendations for meeting the need for such services among those served by the agency. There were no amendments.

Chair Nguyen:

Are there any questions? [There were none.] I would entertain a motion to do pass Senate Bill 318 (1st Reprint).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN PETERS MADE A MOTION TO DO PASS
SENATE BILL 318 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW SECONDED THE MOTION.

Are there any comments on the motion? [There were none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN BLACK AND MATTHEWS
VOTED NO. ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS WAS ABSENT FOR THE
VOTE.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Gorelow. Next, we will have a work session on Senate Bill 456.

Senate Bill 456: Revises provisions relating to the State Dental Health Officer.
(BDR 40-1159)

Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 456 was heard on May 27, 2021 [read from [Exhibit I](#)]. It transfers the duty to appoint the State Dental Health Officer from the Division of Public and Behavioral Health to the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department of Health and Human Services. The bill also removes the option for persons holding a restricted license to practice dentistry under the general supervision of the State Dental Health Officer, thereby prohibiting such persons from performing dental services unless supervised by a licensed dentist. There were no amendments.

Chair Nguyen:

Are there any questions? [There were none.] I would entertain a motion to do pass Senate Bill 456.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN PETERS MADE A MOTION TO DO PASS
SENATE BILL 456.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW SECONDED THE MOTION.

Are there any comments on the motion? [There were none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS WAS ABSENT
FOR THE VOTE.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblyman Orentlicher. That ends our work session for today. I will begin public comment. Is there anyone in the queue for public comment? [There was no one.] I will close public comment.

This concludes what was probably our final meeting for this Committee, although we have a couple of agendaized potential meetings. It has been a pleasure. The meeting is adjourned [at 4:18 p.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Joan Waldock
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Assemblywoman Rochelle T. Nguyen, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda.

[Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster.

[Exhibit C](#) is the Work Session Document for [Senate Bill 69 \(2nd Reprint\)](#), presented by Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit D](#) is the Work Session Document for [Senate Bill 70 \(2nd Reprint\)](#), presented by Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit E](#) is the Work Session Document for [Senate Bill 158 \(1st Reprint\)](#), presented by Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit F](#) is the Work Session Document for [Senate Bill 175 \(1st Reprint\)](#), presented by Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit G](#) is the Work Session Document for [Senate Bill 211 \(2nd Reprint\)](#), presented by Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit H](#) is the Work Session Document for [Senate Bill 318 \(1st Reprint\)](#), presented by Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit I](#) is the Work Session Document for [Senate Bill 456](#), presented by Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.