

**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

**Eighty-first Session  
May 22, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Finance was called to order by Chair Chris Brooks at 9:09 a.m. on Saturday, May 22, 2021, Online and in Room 1214 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. [Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda. All exhibits are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Chris Brooks, Chair  
Senator Moises Denis, Vice Chair  
Senator Julia Ratti  
Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop  
Senator Ben Kieckhefer  
Senator Pete Goicoechea  
Senator Scott Hammond  
Senator Heidi Seevers Gansert

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Nicole J. Cannizzaro (Excused)

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Wayne Thorley, Senate Fiscal Analyst  
Alex Haartz, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst  
Barbara Williams, Committee Secretary

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Heather Korbolic, Policy Director, Office of the Governor  
Elisa Cafferata, Director, Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation  
Dan Musgrove, Southern Nevada Building Trades Unions  
Kacey KC, State Forester Firewarden, Division of Forestry, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Julia Peek, Deputy Administrator, Community Health Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Department of Health and Human Services

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Cari Herington, Executive Director, Nevada Cancer Coalition  
Tina Leiss, Executive Officer, Public Employees' Retirement Board  
Mandi Davis, Deputy Administrator, Administrative Services, Division of Child  
and Family Services, Department of Health and Human Services  
Barbara Buckley, Executive Director, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada

CHAIR BROOKS:

I will open the hearing on Senate Bill (S.B.) 424.

**SENATE BILL 424 (1st Reprint)**: Creates the Public Health Resource Office.  
(BDR 18-1107)

WAYNE THORLEY (Senate Fiscal Analyst):

The fiscal impact of S.B. 424 relates to two positions in the newly created Public Health Resource Office within the Office of the Governor and a position within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Office of Minority Health and Equity.

CHAIR BROOKS:

Do any of these have to go into the State Worker Pay Bill, Assembly Bill (A.B.) 493?

**ASSEMBLY BILL 493**: Provides for compensation of state employees.  
(BDR S-1173)

MR. THORLEY:

No. The positions in the Office of the Governor are nonclassified and the position at DHHS is a classified position that can be created through a work program in the Interim.

HEATHER KORBULIC (Policy Director, Office of the Governor):

Witnessing the Statewide collaboration and coordination in response to this historic pandemic has been enlightening and inspiring.

If not for the dedication and commitment from public and private partnerships, State and local public health workforces, doctors, nurses, medical teams, hospitals, first responders, DHHS, the Division of Emergency Management, the Nevada National Guard, the State Public Health lab and many others, we may

not have been able to realize the level of success we can look back on with pride.

In many ways, Nevadans over the past year did what they always do: they showed up for one another. Even in the darkest hours, Nevada's battle-born grit and practiced resilience provided much needed light.

Covid-19 has exposed so many of our State's strengths and weaknesses, and while we have demonstrated the ability to respond to a public health crisis of significant magnitude, we have done it with a frail, and in some cases nonexistent, essential public health infrastructure. While we were able to respond effectively to this crisis, we have exhausted nearly every aspect of our Statewide public health system.

From the beginning of the pandemic, Governor Steve Sisolak has been committed to examining the data and listening to scientific experts as he made decisions to balance the State's public health and economic needs. This commitment led to impossibly hard decisions with significant consequences and ultimately highlighted the State's public health workforce needs.

One of the first lessons we learned is that public health touches everything. From DHHS to the Division of Emergency Management to the Department of Motor Vehicles, every single service the State provides plays a part in a public health response.

In April 2020, Governor Sisolak released *Nevada United: Roadmap to Recovery*, where he outlined the State's goals to recovery. One of those goals was to "turn our unprecedented challenges into a rare opportunity to transform Nevada's approach to governance, public health, education and economic diversification." We have an opportunity to learn from the experience of this pandemic and to build a plan for the public health system we need in our State, in an emergency or in our day-to-day efforts to serve the public health needs of all Nevadans.

Senate Bill 424, with the proposed amendments, creates a Public Health Resource Office in the Governor's Office to analyze the existing infrastructure for meeting Nevada's public health needs. It creates a position in the Office of Minority Health and Equity of the DHHS. This person must research and make policy recommendations to the Public Health Resource Officer regarding

strategies to address disparate health outcomes in communities of Black, Indigenous, and other persons of color resulting from systemic racism and structures of racial discrimination, as well as disparate health outcomes in rural communities and other underserved communities. The Office will analyze the relationships between the people and entities involved in the provision of public health services, including local health authorities, providers of health care, healthcare facilities and nonprofit organizations.

Finally, the role of the office is to identify and make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature concerning the State's unmet needs, opportunities to obtain federal or private funding to support public health services and ways in which the State can improve coordination between providers of public health services and the delivery of those services.

CHAIR BROOKS:

You referred to proposed amendments. Have they been submitted?

MS. KORBULIC:

The amendments were work sessioned and approved by the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

I assume the fiscal note from DHHS is no longer applicable since the positions are being placed in the Office of the Governor.

MS. KORBULIC:

The original fiscal note is no longer applicable. The bill now includes an appropriation for the new positions.

CHAIR BROOKS:

I will close the hearing on S.B. 424 and open the hearing on A.B. 459.

**ASSEMBLY BILL 459 (1st Reprint)**: Revises provisions relating to workforce development. (BDR 18-1068)

MR. THORLEY:

Assembly Bill 459 is a budget implementation bill on behalf of the Office of the Governor. The Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means, known as the money committees, in closing the budgets for

the Office of the Governor and the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) recommended the transfer of the Office of Workforce Innovation (OWINN) from the Governor's Office to DETR.

ELISA CAFFERATA (Director, Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation):

Assembly Bill 459 is the policy bill to implement the Governor recommended budget priority of moving OWINN to DETR and puts the State Apprenticeship Council back with the Labor Commissioner.

This move makes sense on many different levels. The mission of OWINN is in alignment with DETR's mission as the State's workforce development agency. The move will allow DETR to provide administrative support for OWINN. Through the bill, OWINN and the Apprenticeship Council will be in agencies where they can receive financial management support, grant monitoring and tracking support and human resources assistance. The Governor's Office does not have the staff to provide these services to OWINN.

The move will create administrative efficiencies for DETR and OWINN. The Office of Workforce Innovation receives significant funding from DETR grants. The consolidation eliminates the need to create subgrant agreements, with the attendant administration, monitoring and reporting. The consolidation allows OWINN to tap into programs and expertise at DETR that are focused on workforce issues.

Assembly Bill 459 was amended in the Assembly to require the Office of the Labor Commissioner to act as the State Apprenticeship Agency, appoint a State Apprenticeship Director and oversee the State Apprenticeship Council.

We would like to present a conceptual amendment this morning to change the name of the Office, currently in statue as the Office of Workforce Innovation, to Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation. The intention was always to move the unit to DETR but have the executive director remain as a cabinet-level position.

MR. THORLEY:

Proposed Amendment No. 3423 ([Exhibit B](#)) fixes a conflict with S.B. 247, which has already been passed.

[SENATE BILL 247](#): Revises provisions relating to apprenticeships. (BDR 53-575)

CHAIR BROOKS:

[Exhibit B](#) fixes a technical conflict. Is the conceptual amendment DETR is referring to just a name change?

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Does the executive director of the Office answer to Ms. Cafferata since the Office will be in DETR?

MS. CAFFERATA:

The idea behind the transition is for DETR to provide administrative and human resource support to OWINN, but it is moving as a unit to DETR. The executive director is a cabinet-level position and reports to the Governor.

This is not a unique case. We also house the Nevada Equal Rights Commission. The administrator of that is appointed by and answers to the Governor.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Who has authority over the employees of the Office?

MS. CAFFERATA:

The staff of the Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation will report to the executive director.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

The conceptual amendment is adding the Governor's name to a unit that is moving out of his office.

DAN MUSGROVE (Southern Nevada Building Trades Unions):

The technical amendment in [Exhibit B](#) is important for trade unions and the workings of the Apprenticeship Council. The U.S. Department of Labor specifies that the Apprenticeship Council be under a State agency. This bill ensures the Council is under the Labor Commissioner. We have worked hand in hand with Director Cafferata and Labor Commissioner Shannon Chambers to get this right. We support [A.B. 459](#).

CHAIR BROOKS:

I am glad to see the Apprenticeship Council moving to the Labor Commissioner. I have dealt with the Council over many years, and this move aligns things more efficiently. I will close the hearing on A.B. 459 and open the hearing on A.B. 463.

**ASSEMBLY BILL 463 (1st Reprint)**: Provides for the reversion of certain money and makes a supplemental appropriation to the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for an unanticipated shortfall in the Forest Fire Suppression budget account. (BDR S-1058)

KACEY KC (State Forester Firewarden, Division of Forestry, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources):

Assembly Bill 463 makes a supplemental appropriation of \$2,359,168 to the Division of Forestry (NDF) in the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to cover projected shortfalls in the Fire Suppression budget account 101-4196.

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These funds will be used to pay already-incurred wildland-fire suppression expenses and limited cost projections for wildfire expenditures to the end of fiscal year (FY) 2020-2021.

Division staff worked hard over the last three years to make more accurate the wildland fire billing process. The NDF incident billing unit is caught up to FY 2020-2021 fire bills, excluding cost-share and fire management assistance grant fires which take longer to finalize. This billing process will be further expedited and made more accurate with the new automated fire billing approved by the Eightieth Legislature. We are training our federal and local government partners on the use of the system. All users will begin using the automated billing system on July 1.

The bill provides for a reversion date of June 30, 2025, for the \$5,000,000 allocated to NDF in S.B. No. 508 of the 80th Session. This will allow NDF and its partners time to implement large landscape scale fuel reduction projects in high-priority areas around the State. To date, NDF and its partners have planned or implemented 52 projects treating just under 10,000 acres. We have increased fire capacity at the local government fire-protection district level by 130 firefighters, 19 fire engines and 25 pieces of equipment for fuel reduction, including chippers, masticators, mowing tractors and herbicide sprayers.

These local government firefighting modules work every day reducing fuel loads in natural resource management and are moved around the State to attack the highest priority projects first. In addition to project work, they stand available as initial attack response to wildland fires. The Division anticipates treating over 100,000 acres by the end of 2025.

CHAIR BROOKS:

I will close the hearing on A.B. 463 and open the hearing on A.B. 471.

**ASSEMBLY BILL 471**: Revises provisions relating to the system for reporting information relating to cancer and other neoplasms. (BDR 40-1082)

MR. THORLEY:

Assembly Bill 471 is a budget implementation bill that implements a budget decision by the money committees.

JULIA PEEK (Deputy Administrator, Community Health Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Department of Health and Human Services):

Assembly Bill 471 reflects many years of effort making for Nevada's Central Cancer Registry (NCCR).

The registry uses timely and complete cancer data to evaluate the appropriateness of measures for the prevention and control of cancer and to conduct comprehensive epidemiological surveys of cancer and cancer-related deaths Statewide and nationally.

The Registry started in 1995 and annually compiles comprehensive cancer data collected for all years of operation and submits a report to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Program of Cancer Registries and the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries for analysis,

certifications, and inclusion in national cancer statistics. It is a vital tool for monitoring the incidence of cancer within the State and sharing that information with health care professionals, researchers and the general public.

The Registry has had a variety of funding sources over the years including fees, federal grants and General Fund appropriations. The Registry used to receive a fee from hospitals for each case of cancer they successfully reported to the registry. At the time, most cases of cancer were diagnosed and treated in a hospital setting, so this model supported complete reporting and staffing needs of the NCCR. We changed this model in statute, so as to not penalize correct reporting from the hospitals.

Over this time, the diagnosis and treatment of cancer changed. Cases are now diagnosed and treated outside a hospital setting. With this change, there was confusion around who should report what and who can be penalized for not reporting. During this time, the NCCR depleted reserves and could no longer support the staffing needed.

Last Session, the DHHS' Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) requested General Fund appropriations to support positions for the NCCR. We also began receiving case reports from large out-patient cancer treatment facilities. We were approved for the requested positions for one year of the biennium and were required through a Letter of Intent to report on progress of developing a sustainable fee-based Registry.

Over the course of the biennium, we worked hard with stakeholders to develop a reasonable and equitable fee system to sustain the NCCR and that is outlined in this bill.

Assembly Bill 471 establishes fees to support the activities of the NCCR. The Agency will charge a 6 percent fee to the renewal fees through this biennium, but no more than 8 percent as defined in the bill. This will allow NCCR to collect the funding needed to support the two positions approved in the DPBH budget contingent on approval of this bill. The fees range from \$8 per year for a dental machine renewal to \$438 per year for a hospital. A skilled nursing facility fee would be \$67 per year. It is not our intent to create a reserve but only to fund the positions we need to meet federal requirements.

CARI HERINGTON (Executive Director, Nevada Cancer Coalition):

We support A.B. 471 and are proud to have worked with Ms. Peek over the years to continuously improve and increase the collection of Nevada's cancer data through the NCCR. As our State has grown, so has the size and needs of the NCCR. Assembly Bill 471 provides clarity to required data reporters in Nevada and sustainable funding to support the Registry in the long term.

CHAIR BROOKS:

I will close the hearing on A.B. 471 and open the hearing on A.B. 479.

**ASSEMBLY BILL 479**: Revises provisions governing the executive staff of the Public Employees' Retirement System. (BDR 23-1150)

TINA LEISS (Executive Officer, Public Employees' Retirement Board):

Assembly Bill 479 implements a new position requested by the Public Employees' Retirement Board. Currently, the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) has one investment staff member and this bill would add an investment staff member. The cost associated with the creation of this position was included in the proposed budget submitted by the PERS Board. Revenue for the PERS administrative budget consists of transfers from the trust fund on a per capita basis for each member and benefit recipient.

The System currently has one investment officer in statute. Section 1 of A.B. 479 would add the position of chief investment officer and rename the current investment officer position to deputy investment officer. The chief investment officer would have a maximum salary one step above the maximum approved salary of the deputy investment officer. Section 2 of the bill makes a conforming change to *Nevada Revised Statutes* 286.170. Section 3 provides for the initial salary of the position as approved in the budget.

When determining which positions are needed to most effectively administer the System, the Retirement Board and staff consider factors including succession planning and continuity of governance, financial controls, separation of duties, coverage and cost efficiency. An additional investment employee will eliminate the potential exposure to the System should the current investment officer suddenly leave Nevada PERS or become unable to perform his duties. A second investment employee would facilitate enhanced financial controls which are not possible under a single employee structure and provide a viable succession plan to help ensure that the underlying investment process, philosophy and culture

which has produced one of the most competitive track records in the public pension fund industry endures.

Over the past 15 years the PERS investment portfolio has grown from less than \$18 billion in assets to over \$55 billion. With only one dedicated investment employee, Nevada PERS has the smallest investment staff in the public pension fund industry. While there are both efficiencies and advantages to a smaller staff size, there are also limits. In addition to assisting with the ever increasing workload associated with the growth of the investment portfolio, a second investment employee would dramatically reduce the inherent risks associated with a single employee structure.

CHAIR BROOKS:

I will close the hearing on A.B. 479 and open the hearing on A.B. 481.

**ASSEMBLY BILL 481**: Requires the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services to designate a statewide center to provide assistance to certain victims. (BDR 16-1143)

MR. THORLEY:

Assembly Bill 481 is related to a budget amendment approved by the money committees in closing the budgets for the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS).

MANDI DAVIS (Deputy Administrator, Administrative Services, Division of Child and Family Services, Department of Health and Human Services):

On October 1, 2017, Nevada experienced the largest mass shooting in U.S. history. Since that tragedy, there have been a lot of lessons learned, especially for government agencies regarding their ability to respond to mass casualty incidents. Government agencies at all levels continue to work on improvements to better prepare for and respond to critical incidents throughout the State. Assembly Bill 481 is one of those improvements. What the shooting quickly revealed and continues to reveal is the need for a designated victim center with processes, trained staff and victim-centered approaches to respond to complex and significant needs. A designated victim service center will also continue to support and be a point of contact for victims of not just the 2017 shooting but for all victims of crime.

On the day of the shooting, responders, providers and agencies from all areas quickly responded to try to meet the needs of the victims as best they could. The problem that was revealed was that there was no coordinator to quickly identify resources, stand them up and meet the needs of the community that day. Clark County Fire Chief John Steinbeck could not be here today, but he was the main first responder who was responsible for establishing and coordinating many of the response efforts. While the community response was outstanding with members of the public stepping in when they could, it revealed that the community and the State was largely unprepared for an event of that magnitude; not just for the immediate response needs that day, but also for the long-term recovery needs for survivors, attendees and the community traumatized by the events of October 1.

As the Committee may be aware, DCFS received a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) specifically for the immediate response and recovery efforts from the mass shooting. Those funds have supported the establishment and operations for the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center (VSRC) for victims of the shooting. Those funds are expected to expire in September 2022. We know that the need for victims to receive continued support, especially in the areas of behavioral health, physical health and financial support, does not go away once the funds or the resources go away. We know that survivors of the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001, still seek support almost 20 years later.

Assembly Bill 481 requires DCFS to designate a Statewide victim center to collaborate with other victim service entities. It establishes the tasks for such a center, which include but are not limited to, responding to critical incidents throughout the State and serving as a training and technical assistance organization. It also allows for an account to be created and for the Division to accept donations into that account for furthering the purposes of the Statewide victim center.

At the DCFS budget closing, the money committees recommended approval of a budget amendment for two new positions to be located at the VSRC for the purposes of supporting the continued operations of the Center and the requirements of this bill.

BARBARA BUCKLEY (Executive Director, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada):  
The Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada was honored to be asked by Clark County to join the efforts of the family assistance center on October 2,

the day after the mass shooting. We were also asked to join the efforts to provide long-term services to be offered to the victims, families and survivors of the incident.

The result of that effort was the VSRC. We were one of the collaborators who put together an array of services to those victims. It was a multi-agency endeavor. The State provided the behavioral health services and embedded the State Victims of Crime Program within the VSRC to help victims navigate the compensation system. Other collaborators were the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and Clark County Social Services. The Legal Aid Center was useful in helping with issues such as probate, guardianship, medical bills, insurance disputes and all of the issues someone in grief does not have the capacity to handle.

Since that time, the VSRC has grown stronger. It has learned best practices for helping victims and worked with other cities that have created resiliency centers. Now, the VSRC is in the position of helping the other communities who suffer from mass shootings.

With the exception of strong services for domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking, the State has no general services for victims of home invasions, assaults, robberies and other violent crimes. This is our effort to promote a long-term improvement of services for victims in the State.

Two weeks ago, the DOJ recognized the VSRC for its innovative approach to serving victims by issuing a National Service Award. It is our goal to continue this important work, so we are not only improving services for victims but are better prepared to help anyone affected by violence.

CHAIR BROOKS:

You have brought back a flood of memories and emotions around that terrible event. Thank you for all the work you do to help the victims.

I will now close the hearing on A.B. 481 and open a work session.

ALEX HAARTZ (Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst):

Senate Bill 424 was presented by Heather Korbolic, Policy Advisor to Governor Sisolak and was heard this morning. There was discussion about the

need to improve public health infrastructure and create a Public Health Resource Office to make recommendations on improving health disparities.

This bill contains General Fund appropriations to fund the cost of two new nonclassified positions within the new Public Health Resource Office and one classified position in the DHHS' Office of Minority Health and Equity.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS AS AMENDED S.B. 424.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. THORLEY:

Assembly Bill 459 is a budget implementation bill on behalf of the Governor's Office of Finance relating to workforce development. It was presented by Elisa Cafferata from DETR. The bill includes the transfer of the OWINN to DETR. Moving the Office and its financial resources was approved by the money committees in closing the budgets for both the Governor's Office and DETR.

Proposed Amendment No. 3423, Exhibit B, fixes a conflict with S.B. 247. Ms. Cafferata introduced a verbal conceptual amendment to change the name of the Office of Workforce Innovation to the Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation.

Dan Musgrove, representing the Southern Nevada Building Trades Unions, testified in support of the bill. There was no testimony in opposition or neutral.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED A.B. 459 WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 3423 AND THE CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY DETR.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

I am going to oppose this, as DETR has a full plate.

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SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT:

I agree with Senator Goicoechea. I do not have an issue with the budget, but it does not make sense to move it to DETR given the challenges they have faced and continue to face. I will support it, but reserve the right to change my vote on the Senate Floor.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

I agree with both my colleagues. I will vote yes, but I reserve the right to change my vote.

SENATOR HAMMOND:

I will vote yes since it is a budget implementation bill, but I do not necessarily agree with the policy.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATOR GOICOECHEA VOTED NO.)

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MR. HAARTZ:

Assembly Bill 463 was presented this morning by Kacey KC of the NDF. Ms. KC explained the bill makes a supplemental appropriation of \$2,359,168 to cover a projected shortfall to pay bills already incurred for wildland fire suppression in FY 2020-2021. The bill also extends the reversion date for funds appropriated by the Interim Finance Committee for the NDF for fire prevention and control activities.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 463.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. THORLEY:

Assembly Bill 471 was heard today and sponsored by the Committee on Ways and Means on behalf of the Governor's Office of Finance. It is a budget implementation bill. It was presented by Julia Peek of the DPBH who supplied

information about the NCCR. The bill establishes fees to support two positions in the DPBH.

Cari Herington from the Nevada Cancer Coalition testified in support of the bill. There was no testimony in opposition or neutral.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 471.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. HAARTZ:

Assembly Bill 479 was heard this morning and is also a budget implementation bill. The bill establishes a new position of chief investment officer to be selected by the executive officer to be a member of the executive staff of the PERS.

The bill was presented by Tina Leiss of PERS. There was no testimony of support, opposition or neutral.

SENATOR DENIS MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 479.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MR. THORLEY:

Assembly Bill 481 was sponsored by the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means. It is a budget implementation bill related to a budget amendment approved by this Committee. Mandi Davis of DCFS discussed the history of the VSRC. The bill would create a Statewide services center for victims of violent crime. Funding for the VSRC comes from a DOJ grant that was awarded shortly after the mass shooting which is expected to expire in September 2022.

In closing the budgets for the DCFS, the money committees approved funding of \$132,000 in FY 2022-2023, of which \$26,420 was General Fund

appropriations to support two new positions to be located in the VSRC. Because the funding was approved in the closing budget, there is no funding included in this bill.

Barbara Buckley with the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada provided comments. There was no testimony in support, opposition or neutral.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 481.

SENATOR DENIS LOOP SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR BROOKS:

Seeing no public comment, this meeting is adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Barbara Williams,  
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Senator Chris Brooks, Chair

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY				
Bill	Exhibit Letter	Begins on Page	Witness / Entity	Description
	A	1		Agenda
A.B.459	B	1	Wayne Thorley / LCB	Proposed Amendment No.3423