

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

**Eighty-first Session
May 20, 2021**

The Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections was called to order by Chair James Ohrenschall at 4:05 p.m. on Thursday, May 20, 2021, Online and in Room 2149 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 James Ohrenschall, Chair
Senator Roberta Lange, Vice Chair
Senator Nicole J. Cannizzaro
Senator Heidi Seevers Gansert
Senator Carrie A. Buck

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Stewart, Policy Analyst
Bryan Fernley, Counsel
Diane Rea, Committee Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mark Wlaschin, Deputy for Elections, Office of the Secretary of State
Heather Korbolic, Policy Director, Office of the Governor

CHAIR OHRENSCHALL:

We will open the work session on Senate Concurrent Resolution (S.C.R.) 10.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 10: Directs the Legislative Committee on Energy to conduct an interim study concerning the development of hydrogen and lithium as energy resources in this State. (BDR R-523)

MICHAEL STEWART (Policy Analyst):

I will present my work session document ([Exhibit B](#)) for this bill brought to us by Senator Pat Spearman, including the amendments which are attached.

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CHAIR OHRENSCHALL:

Not seeing any questions, I would accept a motion.

SENATOR LANGE MOVED TO AMEND AND ADOPT AS AMENDED
S.C.R. 10.

SENATOR BUCK SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR OHRENSCHALL:

We will close the work session on S.C.R. 10 and open the work session on
Assembly Bill (A.B.) 121.

ASSEMBLY BILL 121 (1st Reprint): Revises certain provisions relating to
elections. (BDR 24-774)

MR. STEWART:

I will present my work session document ([Exhibit C](#)) brought to us by
Assemblywoman Lesley E. Cohen to include her proposed conceptual
amendments.

SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT:

Do all the election clerks and registrars have the ability to accept electronic
registration and voting? Or is this going to be centralized?

MARK WLASCHIN (Deputy for Elections, Office of the Secretary of State):

This does apply to all of the counties, and they all have the capability for
accepting ballots as described in the bill.

SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT:

Is there a form for the disabled that has to be completed, or how does a person
with a disability register?

MR. WLASCHIN:

There is a form to fill out or screening process at the Office of the Secretary of
State (SOS) for county clerks or registrars in order to verify a disability.

CHAIR OHRENSCHALL:

Section 1, subsection 3 says the SOS shall prescribe the form and content of the declaration for use by an elector with a disability or a registered voter with a disability to swear or affirm specific representations pertaining to identity, eligibility to vote, status as such an elector or registered voter and timely and proper completion of an absent ballot.

Does this form currently exist in the SOS office? If this passes, will a new form be created?

MR. WLASCHIN:

The Effective Absentee System for Elections has an indicator for an individual who is in one of the covered voting classifications or a disabled voter. That is how they are able to identify. I believe that was the requirement, but I will confirm.

CHAIR OHRENSCHALL:

Not seeing any other questions I would accept a motion.

SENATOR LANGE MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED
A.B 121.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO SECONDED THE MOTION.

SENATOR LANGE:

We all have the right to vote. People have that right and have unsuccessfully tried to get access to vote. It was disheartening to hear about. This bill makes that access easier.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR OHRENSCHALL:

We will close the work session on A.B. 121 and open the work session on Assembly Bill 450.

ASSEMBLY BILL 450 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions relating to workforce development. (BDR S-1108)

MR. STEWART:

I will present my work session document ([Exhibit D](#)). Amendments presented during the hearing are attached.

CHAIR OHRENSCHALL:

The sponsor feels those amendments are not friendly.

Would this committee look at the funding formula of the different institutions in the Nevada System of Higher Education?

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

Yes. Absolutely. That is part of it. Section 1, subsection 7, paragraph (a) asks the study committee to research the funding formula. It is a top priority of the Governor to ensure those funding formulas are in line with current needs.

CHAIR OHRENSCHALL:

With no further questions, I would accept a motion.

SENATOR LANGE MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 450.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR OHRENSCHALL:

We will close the work session on A.B. 450.

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CHAIR OHRENSCHALL:

With no further business, we are adjourned at 4:22p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Diane Rea,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator James Ohrenschall, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBIT SUMMARY				
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