

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

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

The Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections was called to order by Chair James Ohrenschall at 3:33 p.m. on Thursday, April 22, 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:

Tick Segerblom, Commissioner, Clark County District E
Doug Busselman, Nevada Farm Bureau Federation

CHAIR OHRENSCHALL:

We will open the hearing on Senate Concurrent Resolution (S.C.R.) 4.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4: Directs the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study concerning the hemp industry in this State. (BDR R-604)

SENATOR ROBERTA LANGE (Senatorial District No. 7):
I will read my remarks ([Exhibit B](#)) on S.C.R. 4.

TICK SEGERBLOM (Commissioner, Clark County District E):

Because agriculture has a large impact in Clark County, this bill will make it possible for the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension in Las Vegas to be a part of the gardens and agricultural studies done in Las Vegas.

I have included my written research ([Exhibit C](#)) for the Committee.

Agriculture is a big product outside of Clark County. We are attempting to bring hemp into Clark County to allow studying and growing in some of the neighborhood gardens where the University participates.

DOUG BUSSELMAN (Nevada Farm Bureau Federation):

I am testifying in support of S.C.R. 4. Nevada Farm Bureau (NFB) acknowledges the attention being considered by the Nevada Legislature through the form of an interim study. We appreciate the information provided on the proposed research with regard to hemp by the Cooperative Extension in Clark County. Nevada Farm Bureau has supported the progress made in authorizing the production of hemp, beginning with the past farm bills as well as the activity to bring the regulatory structure in Nevada through the State Department of Agriculture. We are fortunate that key pioneers in the farming of hemp are NFB members, and we have benefited in our understanding through interaction with those directly involved in growing this crop.

Essential points in the bill are numbers 3 and 4 on page 2, lines 3 through 9. We strongly encourage an emphasis on the importance of bringing industry and processing facilities into Nevada for the potential of hemp production. This intention needs to go beyond the CBD oil factor. The range of opportunities needs to consider hemp-processing techniques for fiber and other industrial uses.

The importance of research is vital for Nevada and needs to include many aspects of growing and improving the quality of growing conditions for hemp varieties. Emphasis on a Statewide basis will enhance the working cooperation of the agricultural pioneers who have been involved since the legal production of hemp first began.

SENATOR LANGE:

This bill is about diversifying our economy and is made for Nevada. We can use this to put more people back to work. We have a lot of land and vacant

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buildings where we could put indoor grow houses. Having this study, being able to move forward and fund some research will be critical to this industry.

CHAIR OHRENSCHALL:

We will close the hearing on S.C.R. 4 and open the work session on Assembly Bill (A.B.) 1.

ASSEMBLY BILL 1: Revises provisions relating to training for Legislators.
(BDR 17-438)

MICHAEL STEWART (Policy Analyst):

I will present my work session document ([Exhibit D](#)) on A.B. 1.

SENATOR LANGE MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 1.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR OHRENSCHALL:

Having no further business, we are adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Diane Rea,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator James Ohrenschall, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBIT SUMMARY				
Bill	Exhibit Letter	Begins on Page	Witness / Entity	Description
	A	1		Agenda
S.C.R. 4	B	1	Senator Roberta Lange	Statement
S.C.R. 4	C	1	Tick Segerblom / Clark County District E	Supporting Document
A.B. 1	D	1	Michael Stewart	Work Session Document