

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

**Eighty-Second Session  
May 19, 2023**

The Committee on Health and Human Services was called to order by Chair Sarah Peters at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, May 19, 2023, in Room 3138 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4406 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, 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/82nd2023](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023).

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Assemblywoman Sarah Peters, Chair  
Assemblyman David Orentlicher, Vice Chair  
Assemblywoman Cecelia González  
Assemblywoman Michelle Gorelow  
Assemblyman Ken Gray  
Assemblyman Gregory T. Hafen II  
Assemblyman Brian Hibbetts  
Assemblyman Gregory Koenig  
Assemblywoman Sabra Newby  
Assemblyman Duy Nguyen  
Assemblywoman Angie Taylor  
Assemblywoman Clara Thomas

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:**

None



**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst  
Eric Robbins, Committee Counsel  
Shuruk Ismail, Committee Manager  
Terry Horgan, Committee Secretary  
Natalie Dean, Committee Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Helen Foley, representing Nevada Association of Health Plans  
Regan Comis, representing Anthem  
Joanna Jacob, Manager, Government Affairs, Clark County

**Chair Peters:**

[Roll was taken. Committee rules and protocol were reviewed.] Good afternoon and welcome to the Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services. We will move into our work session, which is the main item on our agenda today. We are going to take things a little bit out of order starting with Senate Bill 109 (1st Reprint). Mr. Ashton, please.

**Senate Bill 109 (1st Reprint):   Revises provisions governing anatomical gifts.  
(BDR 40-453)**

**Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst:**

[Patrick Ashton read a description of the bill from the work session document [Exhibit C](#).] Senate Bill 109 (1st Reprint) authorizes a coroner or medical examiner to release and authorize the removal of a body or body parts for transplantation after brain death upon request of a procurement organization if the body or body part is a valid anatomical gift and there is no evidence of the decedent's refusal or authorized person's objection to it.

Amendments: Senator Nguyen is proposing the conceptual amendment attached to the work session document [page 2, [Exhibit C](#)]. In summary, the amendment requires a procurement organization under certain circumstances to demonstrate that it has made a reasonable effort to determine whether a person authorized to make an anatomical gift is reasonably available and provides that a procurement organization has made such a reasonable effort if a search for a person authorized to make an anatomical gift has been underway for at least 12 hours and certain criteria for the search have been fulfilled.

**Chair Peters:**

Thank you, Mr. Ashton. Are there any questions? Seeing none, I would entertain a motion to amend and do pass.

ASSEMBLYMAN NGUYEN MADE A MOTION TO AMEND AND DO  
PASS SENATE BILL 109 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GONZÁLEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN GRAY, HAFEN, HIBBETTS,  
AND KOENIG VOTED NO.)

The motion passes. Assemblywoman Newby will take the floor statement. We will move on to Senate Bill 239 (1st Reprint).

**Senate Bill 239 (1st Reprint): Establishes provisions governing the prescribing, dispensing and administering of medication designed to end the life of a patient. (BDR 40-677)**

**Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst:**

[Patrick Ashton read a description of the bill from the work session document [Exhibit D](#).] Senate Bill 239 (1st Reprint) was heard on April 26. It authorizes a patient, who suffers from an incurable and irreversible condition that according to reasonable medical judgment will result in death within six months, to self-administer medication that is designed to end the life of the patient.

Amendments: There is one amendment attached to the work session document [page 2, [Exhibit D](#).] In summary, in section 37, the amendment replaces the term "refer" with "transition," and deletes "who is willing and able to provide this information," thereby an attending practitioner who is unwilling or unable to provide information concerning the prescription and self-administration of the medication that is designed to end the life of the patient must transition the patient requesting such information to another provider of health care.

**Chair Peters:**

Thank you. Are there any questions? Seeing none, I would entertain a motion to amend and do pass.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MADE A MOTION TO AMEND AND  
DO PASS SENATE BILL 239 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GONZÁLEZ SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN GRAY, HAFEN, HIBBETTS,  
AND KOENIG VOTED NO.)

The motion passes, and I would assign that to Assemblywoman Gorelow. We are going to move to Senate Bill 298 (1st Reprint).

**Senate Bill 298 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions governing the involuntary discharge of a resident from a residential facility for groups. (BDR 40-301)**

**Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst:**

[Patrick Ashton read a description of the bill from the work session document [Exhibit E.](#)] Senate Bill 298 (1st Reprint) prohibits a residential facility for groups from transferring or involuntarily discharging a resident except:

- For certain reasons relating to the resident's condition and the facility's ability to meet the resident's needs;
- If the health or safety of the resident or another resident is endangered;
- For failure to pay contracted charges; or
- If the facility ceases to operate.

The bill also sets forth certain other provisions and authorizes the imposition of disciplinary action against a residential facility for groups that violates the bill's provisions with certain exceptions. There were no amendments.

**Chair Peters:**

Thank you. Are there any questions? Seeing none, I will entertain a motion to do pass.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MADE A MOTION TO DO PASS  
SENATE BILL 298 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TAYLOR SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN GRAY, HAFEN, HIBBETTS,  
AND KOENIG VOTED NO.)

That motion passes, and I would assign that to Assemblyman Orentlicher. We will move to Senate Bill 315 (1st Reprint), Mr. Ashton.

**Senate Bill 315 (1st Reprint): Makes revisions relating to the rights of persons with disabilities and persons who are aged. (BDR 38-808)**

**Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst:**

[Patrick Ashton read a description of the bill from the work session document [Exhibit F.](#)] Senate Bill 315 (1st Reprint) prescribes certain rights for individuals who are aged or disabled and who are receiving home and community-based waiver services and certain rights for pupils with disabilities.

Amendments: Erik Jimenez, Chief Policy Deputy, Office of the State Treasurer, proposed the amendment attached to the work session document [pages 2 through 7, [Exhibit F](#)]. In summary, the amendment:

1. Adds an employee of the state of Nevada as a person who could be selected by an individual who is aged or disabled or a pupil with disabilities to act on the individual's or pupil's behalf.
2. Adds the Nevada Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities and the Nevada Statewide Independent Living Council to certain sections.
3. Revises certain subsections that a pupil with disabilities has the right to communicate freely using the pupil's preferred language or any other method of communication.

**Chair Peters:**

Thank you. Are there any questions? Seeing none, I would entertain a motion to amend and do pass.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TAYLOR MADE A MOTION TO AMEND AND  
DO PASS SENATE BILL 315 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN NEWBY SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion?

**Assemblyman Nguyen:**

I want to recognize and thank Mr. Jimenez from the Treasurer's Office for ensuring that the language access piece is amended. I want to put that on public record. I know we all laugh every time I ask a question because it is always about language access, but it is near and dear to the community I represent. So, I just want to acknowledge Mr. Jimenez and the sponsor of the bill. Thank you, Chair.

**Chair Peters:**

Is there any other discussion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN GRAY AND HAFEN  
VOTED NO.)

The motion passes. I would assign that to Assemblywoman Taylor. We will go to Senate Bill 348 (1st Reprint), Mr. Ashton.

**Senate Bill 348 (1st Reprint):   Revises provisions relating to health facilities.  
(BDR 40-51)**

**Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst:**

[Patrick Ashton read a description of the bill from the work session document [Exhibit G.](#)] Senate Bill 348 (1st Reprint) was heard on May 15. It requires a person to obtain the written approval of the director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) before closing or converting a hospital in a county whose population is 100,000 or more into a different type of health facility. The Department and its Division of Public and Behavioral Health shall not issue a new license or alter an existing license for conversion to a different type of health facility without such an approval, may take certain disciplinary actions and impose certain civil penalties, and may impose an administrative penalty against the hospital, physician group practice, or owner of a physician practice for failing to provide required notice of certain information.

Amendments: Senator Fabian Doñate proposed the conceptual amendments attached to this work session document [pages 3 and 4, [Exhibit G.](#)]. In summary, the amendments amend section 4 and replace subsection 6 concerning administrative penalties with the penalties outlined in items No. 1(a) and 1(b) on the bill page [page 1, [Exhibit G.](#)].

Amendments No. 2 through 5 on the bill page make various changes to section 10.5 [page 2.]

Amendment No. 6 revises *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 449.1818 to authorize the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) in the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to impose an administrative penalty of not more than \$10,000 daily against any off-campus location of a hospital that violates the current provisions set forth in this statute.

Amendment No. 7 adds the following provisions to NRS 449.1818:

- a. Require independent centers for emergency medical care and off-campus locations that provide emergency services to include the national provider identifier, or NPI number, on each claim for services rendered to a patient.
- b. Clarify that an off-campus location that provides emergency services must use its assigned NPI on each claim; and, additionally, may add the NPI from the hospital that directly or indirectly owns or controls, in whole or in part, or is affiliated with the off-campus location. The purpose is to allow for the tracking and transfer of patients between facilities of the same hospital.

Committee members, this item is different than what is provided in the attached conceptual amendment. The bill sponsor clarified this provision after the conceptual amendment was submitted.

- c. Authorize DPBH, DHHS to impose an administrative penalty of not more than \$5,000 daily against a facility that fails to comply with these provisions.
- d. Make items 7(a) through 7(c) effective on January 1, 2024.

Amendment No. 8 is to add Assemblywoman González as a cosponsor. Thank you, Chair.

**Chair Peters:**

Are there questions? All right, seeing none, I would entertain a motion to amend and do pass.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MADE A MOTION TO AMEND AND DO PASS SENATE BILL 348 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TAYLOR SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN GRAY, HAFEN, AND HIBBETTS VOTED NO.)

The motion passes. I would assign that to Assemblywoman González. We will continue our out-of-order process. We are going to jump to Senate Bill 146 (1st Reprint).

There was an amendment that was supposed to come in during the hearing, and we did not receive it until a couple of days ago, so this is the first time we are seeing this. Please take a moment to look at it. If you have any questions, we will go into questions shortly. I am going to let Mr. Ashton go quickly through the work session document, and then we will ask questions.

**Senate Bill 146 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions relating to health care. (BDR 40-462)**

**Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst:**

[Patrick Ashton read a description of the bill from the work session document [Exhibit H](#).] Senate Bill 146 (1st Reprint) was heard on May 15. It prohibits a health carrier from denying a request from a health care provider to enter into a contract to join a provider network established by a health carrier if the provider meets certain terms and conditions as outlined on the bill page [page 1, [Exhibit H](#)]. A health carrier may deny a request from a health care provider to enter into a provider network contract for certain reasons and can terminate a provider from participating in the network for any grounds authorized under the provider contract. Finally, this bill provides that certain regulations adopted by the State Board of Health must authorize certified nurse midwives to perform physical examinations or obtain a medical history for a patient admitted to a hospital for childbirth.

Amendments: There is a conceptual amendment attached to the work session document which is on behalf of the Nevada Association of Health Plans [page 2]. In summary, the amendment applies to section 4 and:

1. Revises subsection 1(a) that a health care provider must meet "and accept" certain terms and conditions for participation in the carrier's network;
2. Revises subsection 1(b) that a health care provider must agree that participating in the health care network is contingent on continued employment by a school of medicine or school of osteopathic medicine; and
3. Revises subsection 2(c) that the health carrier has the sole discretion to determine if accepting the health care provider into the network plan would disrupt existing provider network contracts.

**Chair Peters:**

All right, questions?

**Assemblywoman Newby:**

I had a question on section 4, subsection 2, sub-subsection 3, the language that is added, "as determined by a health carrier in its sole discretion." I was wondering what the meaning of that was because my reading of it says if there is any reason the carrier would not want that particular health care provider in, they could just say it is going to disrupt existing network contracts because it is at their sole discretion. Could anybody explain that change?

**Chair Peters:**

We have someone here from the Nevada Association of Health Plans. Ms. Foley, would you be able to respond?

**Helen Foley, representing Nevada Association of Health Plans:**

Thank you so much, Madam Chair. Before I begin with that question, I wanted to let you know that the document in your packet was presented by Cynthia Alejandre as an amendment from United Health Group. We corrected it late today, granted, but we decided to take this on as an association and not just singularly as one of the plans. It is identical; the change is who presented it, and I did.

Concerning the question, my answer to you is that I do not know. Since we heard your issue, we have tried to identify why that was important to them. I would ask that you possibly pass this. If there is any issue, we could address it on the floor, and I apologize that I do not have a specific answer for why it is totally at the discretion of the carrier.

**Assemblywoman Newby:**

Thank you, Madam Chair, and thank you, Ms. Foley. That is something that is of concern to me. As today is the deadline day, I am okay with it getting out of Committee, but I do want

to make the record clear. Normally we try not to do floor amendments because they are not heard in Committee and may not be as public as others. I appreciate your thoughts and invitation to keep working on it and then perhaps have a floor amendment.

**Helen Foley:**

Thank you, Madam Chair. Because we have so many bills, we have teams of people who work with lawmakers. Senator Lange accepted this amendment and felt it was a friendly amendment. She had no problem with it. We would love to explore further why that language is in there and, hopefully, satisfy your needs at a later date. Thank you so much.

**Chair Peters:**

Folks, I want to clarify. I was notified that we did not receive this amendment yesterday or Wednesday. It was late, and I was surprised that there was an amendment. I saw that the email went to our Committee, but there must have been something in the ether that kept it on the Internet, because it never arrived in anyone's inbox. Nobody on the Committee received this amendment, and then the bill was presented without it, and nobody caught it at that point, either. So there have been technical burdens on this particular amendment, but they did attempt to get that amendment in before the hearing. We just happened to miss it. I appreciate the intent to work with us on a potential floor amendment for this bill, and I will hold you to that if we can move this through the Committee today.

**Helen Foley:**

We appreciate that very much.

**Chair Peters:**

Ms. Comis, did you want to add something?

**Regan Comis, representing Anthem:**

Thank you, Madam Chair. I appreciate the opportunity to come to the table. I am representing Anthem. For clarity, that language is standard in the contracts we write, and that is why it is in there. But, if it is the Committee's desire to have that stricken, that is something we could accept.

**Chair Peters:**

Based on the discussion here today, I would feel more comfortable moving this without that subsection in here. If we want to add it back in, if we can have a conversation about what it means and want to add it back in, that can be the floor amendment. Moving it out of Committee today without that subsection would be my preference and what I would accept a motion on today. Are there any other questions?

**Assemblyman Gray:**

Would it not be easier to strike the amendment going forward than trying to add it in on the floor?

**Chair Peters:**

No. In this case, because of this language and the impact to the bill and policy, it would be easier to add it in to become more restrictive than to try and remove it on the floor.

**Assemblywoman González:**

Thank you so much. As you stated, we have not had much time to review. We are on a deadline, so I am comfortable voting this out today but would like the time to review and discuss it one-on-one, and I wanted to put that on the record.

**Chair Peters:**

Thank you. Okay, we are going to ask Mr. Ashton to go back over the motion for the amendment so the record is clear about what we are doing today, and then we will take a motion.

**Patrick Ashton:**

I cannot make any recommendations regarding the motion, but I will clarify for the record. Amendment 3 on the bill page is the one that you wish to remove [page 1, [Exhibit H](#)]. Is this correct?

**Chair Peters:**

That is correct.

**Patrick Ashton:**

Amendment 3 on the bill page had items No. 1 and No. 2 that would revise subsection 1(a) and subsection 1(b) in section 4. That is the one that would apply if you were to make a motion like that.

**Chair Peters:**

Correct. So, I would accept a motion to amend and do pass, accepting the amendments presented to modify section 4, subsection 1(a) and subsection 1(b), but not to move item No. 3, the subsection 2(c) amendment.

ASSEMBLYMAN GRAY MADE A MOTION TO AMEND AND DO PASS  
SENATE BILL 146 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN NEWBY SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I would assign that floor statement to Assemblyman Nguyen. We will move on to Senate Bill 192 (1st Reprint).

Senate Bill 192 (1st Reprint) has an amendment we have been working on, so I would encourage folks to ask if you have any questions regarding the amendment. I will have Mr. Ashton go through the amendments in the work session document first.

**Senate Bill 192 (1st Reprint):   Revises provisions relating to county hospitals.  
(BDR 40-749)**

**Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst:**

Thank you, Chair. Among other changes, Senate Bill 192 (1st Reprint), which was heard on May 12, expands the topics that may be discussed in a closed meeting of a board of hospital trustees or a hospital governing board [[Exhibit I](#)]. The bill also authorizes a board of hospital trustees or a hospital governing board to employ dentists and fix their compensation.

Amendments: Mason Van Houweling, Chief Executive Officer, University Medical Center of Southern Nevada (UMC), proposes the following amendments:

1. Add to subsection 3 of section 1 a board of trustees of certain county hospital districts may hold a closed meeting exempt from the provisions of Chapter 241 of *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) to discuss certain topics.
2. Add to subsection 3 of section 1 a clarification that nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit the public from obtaining an external report that is otherwise available to the public pursuant to state or federal law.

Regan Comis, Government Affairs Director, R&R Partners, proposes the following amendments:

3. Replace subsection 3(d) of section 1 that—notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the governing board of any hospital subject to this bill may order that any hearings on the reports of hospital medical audit or quality assurance committees be held in closed session.

Committee members, to clarify, for the second part in No. 3 that starts with "An applicant or medical staff member," there is a proposal to delete this part and also a change I just read. On your bill page it begins with "the board of directors of any hospital." University Medical Center requested that be changed to "the governing board of any hospital." The latter part deleted from item No. 3 is redundant with subsection 3(c) of section 1.

Chair Peters proposes the following technical amendment:

4. Exempt a dentist employed by a county hospital under the provisions of section 2.5 of this bill from the provisions of subsection 3 of NRS 631.3465. This would allow a county hospital that employs a dentist to accept fees for the dentist's services and exercise control over the services offered by the dentist as is standard in an employer-employee relationship.

**Chair Peters:**

Thank you, Mr. Ashton. To clarify the amendment proposed in the fourth point, this is a conforming change based on the language being added regarding the hiring of a dentist in a county hospital setting. We had to go into the dentist section to modify that they had the ability to do that, so it is a conforming change requested by the Legal Division. Are there any questions about those amendments?

**Assemblyman Nguyen:**

Thank you, Madam Chair. I want to make sure I am on the same page with Mr. Ashton. We have four references to the description of the board—advisory board, governing board, board of trustees, and then board of directors. Which one are we going with?

**Assemblywoman Newby:**

Madam Chairwoman, may I answer? From my experience at Clark County, the board of county commissioners sits as the board of trustees for the hospital. There are other boards underneath them, but that is at least one of the boards.

**Chair Peters:**

We are going to call a friend. Ms. Jacob, please go ahead.

**Joanna Jacob, Manager, Government Affairs, Clark County:**

Thank you, Madam Chair, and thank you, Assemblywoman Newby. I am speaking on behalf of Clark County. We have to look at the original bill to address Assemblyman Nguyen's question. Yes, it is correct. The structure is that the board of county commissioners sits as the board of trustees. And then there is a hospital governing board which does the business of the hospital operations. Part of the intent of this bill was to update the NRS which previously referred to an advisory board. That is not something proposed in the amendment but was in the bill that was presented at the hearing. We are changing "advisory board" to "governing board" throughout the NRS that governs us, and then we are making the conforming change in amendment No. 3. When we were working on this amendment, we were looking at an example from another state and wanted to make it conform to "governing board," which is the change we are proposing throughout the bill. I hope that helps.

**Assemblyman Nguyen:**

Just to be clear, the board of directors is no longer in play.

**Joanna Jacob:**

Correct. That was an inadvertent mistake when we were looking at the example from the other state, so we are making that change here today. The intent is to replace that with "governing board."

**Chair Peters:**

To be consistent throughout the document.

**Joanna Jacob:**

Correct.

**Assemblyman Nguyen:**

Thank you, Chair. I did need that clarified.

**Eric Robbins, Committee Counsel:**

I want to clarify, because most of this discussion is focused on UMC which is the only county hospital in the state to the extent that I am aware. Item No. 1 on the amendment deals with county hospital districts that exist in the rural areas, and they contract for hospital services. It is to apply these closed meeting provisions to them as well.

**Chair Peters:**

Does that raise questions? Are we all right? Seeing no other questions, I will take a motion to amend and do pass as discussed and described by staff.

ASSEMBLYMAN NGUYEN MADE A MOTION TO AMEND AND DO  
PASS SENATE BILL 192 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN NEWBY SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion?

**Assemblyman Hafen:**

Thank you. This is a good policy. I have some concerns how another bill the same presenter brought forward may interact, especially with the technical amendment you proposed under No. 4 where the hospital would hire the doctors directly, but I hope that other bill dies and this one passes. I genuinely think this is good policy, so I will be voting yes.

**Chair Peters:**

Thank you for the comment. Is there any other discussion? [There was none.]

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

For the record, Assemblywoman González has had to step out for a hearing in the other house. We will include her when she gets back. I am going to give the floor statement to Assemblywoman Thomas. We are going to go back to the top of the work session and start with Assembly Bill 463.

**Assembly Bill 463: Revises provisions governing child care facilities and certain child care programs. (BDR 38-1083)**

**Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst:**

[Patrick Ashton read a description of the bill from the work session document [Exhibit J](#).] Assembly Bill 463 was heard on April 19. It transfers the authority and duties to license and regulate certain child care facilities to the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) from the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH). Both divisions are within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). This bill also modifies the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council's membership.

Attached to the bill page are two conceptual amendments. Ms. Loper Machado, Agency Manager at DWSS, DHHS, proposes the following amendment to subsection 2 of section 8:

1. Remove provisions that a local fire agency accredited by a national organization may complete safety inspections and instead provide that a local fire agency that meets an industry standard accepted by the State Fire Marshal may secure compliance with standards for safety from fire and other emergencies under certain circumstances.

Ms. McDade Williams, Deputy Director, DHHS, proposes the next amendment:

2. Revise section 1 of *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 449.0307 so that a designee of the State Fire Marshal may inspect and approve standards for safety from fire for a medical facility, a facility for the dependent, or other licensed facility. The intent is to align these provisions with the proposed amendments to safety inspections of child care facilities by the State Fire Marshal.

Chair Peters proposes the following amendment to section 5:

3. Revise subsection 1(n) to require the Governor to appoint a representative of a tribal organization with consideration given to an enrolled member of a Nevada Indian tribe. The intent is to resolve a conflict with similar provisions in Assembly Bill 114.

**Chair Peters:**

Thank you, Mr. Ashton. Are there any questions? Seeing none, I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TAYLOR MADE A MOTION TO AMEND AND  
DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 463.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN THOMAS SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion?

**Assemblyman Gray:**

Thank you, Madam Chair. I like the policy of moving all the licensing under one agency; however, I have reservations. I will vote this out today, but I do have reservations about the Division of Public and Behavioral Health's ability—as we have seen with paramedic licensing specifically—to get licenses out timely. I hope this will not affect the ability of standing up new child care centers and keeping existing ones open.

**Chair Peters:**

Thank you. Is there any other discussion? [There was none.]

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

I would assign that one to Assemblywoman Thomas. We will move to Senate Bill 43, Mr. Ashton.

**Senate Bill 43: Makes various changes relating to services for aging persons and persons with disabilities. (BDR 38-219)**

**Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst:**

[Patrick Ashton read a description of the bill from the work session document [Exhibit K](#).] Senate Bill 43 was heard on May 12. It makes various changes to the governance of the Aging and Disability Services Division within the Department of Health and Human Services. Among other changes, the bill:

- Requires the Division to update the strategic plan for persons with disabilities as it determines necessary;
- Mandates the Nevada Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities to coordinate with the State Independent Living Council;
- Allows the Nevada Commission for Persons Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing to develop a statewide plan; and
- Authorizes the Governor to appoint officers or employees of a county or city government to the four positions on the Nevada Commission on Aging representing a county or city.

There were no proposed amendments.

**Chair Peters:**

Are there any questions? Seeing none, I would entertain a motion to do pass.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MADE A MOTION TO DO PASS SENATE BILL 43.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN NEWBY SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

I have a discussion item I want to put on the record. We had a discussion with the agency regarding the appointment of these four positions from local government. As we have heard in several bills presented to this Committee, local government is having a hard time getting folks to show up to these commissions and boards, and it makes it difficult for them to do their job for the state of Nevada. The intent of this bill is to enable employees of agencies impacted by issues under the purview of the commission or council to participate without waiting on the elected official or officer who may not have this as a high priority. The intent would be that the employee is able to communicate back to the organization, the local government, on the discussion and decisions being made by these commissions and boards. I wanted to put on the record that is the intent of this. If it gets to the point where the employee is not being included in conversations at the higher level, we will have to revisit this, but this enables a commission to establish a quorum more easily and get things moving in a different way. I am hopeful this modification, at least to a commission's makeup, will make for better policy moving forward. Is there any other discussion? [There was none.]

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

I would assign that one to Assemblyman Gray. Next, we are going to go to Senate Bill 161 (1st Reprint), Mr. Ashton.

**Senate Bill 161 (1st Reprint): Provides for the use of certain federal benefits to purchase menstrual products. (BDR 38-811)**

**Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst:**

[Patrick Ashton read an explanation of the bill from the work session document [Exhibit L](#).] Senate Bill 161(1st Reprint) was heard on May 10 and requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to allow recipients of benefits under SNAP [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program] or WIC [Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children] to use those benefits to purchase menstrual products. The Department must take any action necessary to obtain federal authorization and funding to carry out these provisions.

Amendments: Chair Peters proposes to add new provisions authorizing DHHS to:

- Establish a program, if money is available, to provide assistance to recipients of benefits provided under a program administered by the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, DHHS, to purchase menstrual products; and
- Apply for and accept gifts, grants, and donations to support such a program.

**Chair Peters:**

Thank you, Mr. Ashton. Are there any questions? Seeing none, I would entertain a motion to amend and do pass.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TAYLOR MADE A MOTION TO AMEND AND DO PASS SENATE BILL 161 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYMAN GRAY SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

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

I would assign that to Assemblywoman Gorelow. We will go to Senate Bill 280 (1st Reprint), Mr. Ashton.

**Senate Bill 280 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions governing contraception. (BDR 40-40)**

**Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst:**

[Patrick Ashton read a description of the bill from the work session document [Exhibit M](#).] Senate Bill 280 (1st Reprint) was heard on May 8. It requires a hospital to provide for the insertion of long-acting reversible contraception immediately after childbirth if requested by a patient giving birth. Certain hospitals and providers are exempt from this requirement, and this bill prohibits certain public and private insurers from refusing to cover the insertion of such contraception immediately after childbirth and restricts the amount that a health care provider or hospital may charge an insurer for the service and associated testing.

Amendments: Senator Nguyen proposes to amend subsection 5(a) of section 1 by adding "contraceptive injection" to the definition of "long-acting reversible contraception." Additionally, make conforming changes throughout the bill to provide for the insertion or injection of long-acting reversible contraception.

**Chair Peters:**

Are there any questions? Seeing none, I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass.

ASSEMBLYMAN NGUYEN MADE A MOTION TO AMEND AND DO PASS SENATE BILL 280 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

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

I would assign that one to Assemblywoman Newby. This is our last one, folks. We will move on to Senate Bill 317 (1st Reprint), Mr. Ashton.

**Senate Bill 317 (1st Reprint): Establishes provisions relating to resources for persons experiencing homelessness. (BDR 38-981)**

**Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst:**

[Patrick Ashton read a description of the bill from the work session document [Exhibit N](#).] Thank you, Madam Chair. Senate Bill 317 (1st Reprint) was heard on May 10. It authorizes a provider of homeless services to allow a person experiencing homelessness to use the provider's address as a temporary mailing address for up to 180 days if the person is a Nevada resident receiving services from the provider.

Amendments: Chair Peters proposes to amend section 7 by adding authorization for a person in crisis who is receiving services from a provider of homeless services but is not a Nevada resident to use the address of the provider of homeless services if the provider of homeless services determines that the person intends to reside in the state for at least six months.

**Chair Peters:**

Are there any questions? Seeing none, I would entertain a motion to amend and do pass.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GORELOW MADE A MOTION TO AMEND AND DO PASS SENATE BILL 317 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYMAN NGUYEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

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

I would assign that floor statement to Assemblyman Nguyen.

That takes us to the end of our work session today, which was our only action item on the agenda. We will move into our last agenda item and take public comment before we recess. We will start here in our physical locations and then go to the phones. Is there anybody in Carson City or Las Vegas who would like to provide public comment today? Seeing no one approach the desks, let us go to the phones. Is there anyone on the public line to provide public comment today? [There was no one.] We will close public comment.

That brings us to the end of our planned agenda for the day. Please keep your afternoon open and keep your attachés watching your emails. We are going to go into recess in case something comes up, and then we will adjourn on the floor otherwise. With that, we are in recess [at 2:15 p.m.]. [The meeting was adjourned on the floor of the Assembly at 7:38 p.m.]

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Terry Horgan  
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Assemblyman David Orentlicher, Vice Chair

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda.

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

[Exhibit C](#) is the Work Session Document for [Senate Bill 109 \(1st Reprint\)](#), submitted and presented by Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit D](#) is the Work Session Document for [Senate Bill 239 \(1st Reprint\)](#), submitted and presented by Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit E](#) is the Work Session Document for [Senate Bill 298 \(1st Reprint\)](#), submitted and presented by Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

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[Exhibit I](#) is the Work Session Document for [Senate Bill 192 \(1st Reprint\)](#), submitted and presented by Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit J](#) is the Work Session Document for [Assembly Bill 463](#), submitted and presented by Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit K](#) is the Work Session Document for [Senate Bill 43](#), submitted and presented by Patrick Ashton, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

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