Minutes of the Nevada State Legislature

Assembly Committee on HEALTH AND WELFARE

Date: May 24, 1979

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bennett

Mr. Brady

Mr. Chaney

Mr. Getto

Mr. Craddock

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Glover

Mrs. Cavnar

GUESTS:

Dr. John Carr, Health Division.

Chairman Bennett convened the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

SB 470

Dr. John Carr, Health Division, said the intent was to have the board of Health and the Health Division administer SB 470. The total fiscal impact for the biennum is \$31,624.73. (EXHIBIT # 1).

The proposed bill has been amended to change the Board of Pharmacy, page 1, line 15, to Board of Health; and to delete requirement that one of the physicians be from Clark County and one from Washoe County, lines 3 and 4, page 2. Dr. Carr continued there were a sizable number of cancer and glaucoma patients for which conventional treatment has proven relatively ineffective for the relief of pain. There has been considerable support for this measure from these patients.

If a person that has terminal cancer has trouble controlling pain, after making application and being reviewed by the Board, is determined to be a suitiable candidate for the proposed program they would be enrolled. There were about 1070 deaths from cancer in Nevada in 1978. The discomforts that accompany terminal cancer and glaucoma are extreme. Persons who have used marihauna testify its use relieves pain. When medical treatment fails use of this drug could be an alternative. The program would develop statistics and guidelines; may determine who can and who cannot effectively use marihauna; and develop general medical and scientific data.

Mr. Brady asked if marihauna would be taken in capsule form and was informed that it would be. He was also informed that dispensation of the drug would be controlled; a doctor licensed to prescribe other narcotic type drugs could not prescibe at his own discretion for this program. The program, if instituted would have to comply to federal standards. The source of the drugs are a government licensed or government controlled manfacturing plant. Dr. Carr foresaw no illegal abuse of the program. There are about 12 on-going programs of this type in various states and they must all conform to federal guidelines as to packaging, security, etc.

The candidates would have to be approved by the Board established for implementation of this proposed program. Many of the persons receiving treatment would be in long-term care facilities or hospitals. Dr. Carr anticipated it would require about a year to implement the program.

Mr. Brady moved to Do Pass <u>SB 470;</u> Mr. Craddock seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

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MARJORIE D. ROBERTSON, Secretar Committee Minutes)

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HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Attached to Minutes

Fiscal note on S.B. 470 for development of regulations, security package, grant application, etc., relating to a program to research theraputic affects marijuana.

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01	1.0 Technical Writer, grade 32.1 plus 8%, plus 16% fringe		\$16,714.73
02	Out of State Travel 1 east coast 3 days 3 San Francisco or Los Angeles or New Mexico (1.5 days each) TOTAL	\$ 650.00 450.00	\$ 1,100.00
03	In State Travel For Tech. Writer Boards - 3 member 6 meetings perdium fees travel	\$ 2,100.00 540.00 720.00 1,000.00 \$ 2,260.00	
	 State Board of Health and State Baord of Pharmacy and Others (Dr. Carr, Al Edmundson) TOTAL 	\$ <u>1,600.00</u>	\$ 5,960.00
04	Office Supplies Communications - telephone	\$ 600.00 1,000.00 500.00 1,000.00 1,000.00 200.00 400.00	- \$ 6,200.00
05	Office Equipment Desk, chair, typewriter		\$ <u>1,650.00</u>
·	TOTAL BUDGET	•	\$31,624.73

^{*} Might vary higher.

Above budget does not include someone to take notes (tape record and retype) minutes of the Board Meetings.