

MINUTES OF THE  
MEETING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON HUMAN RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

SIXTY-FIRST SESSION  
NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE  
May 1, 1981

The Senate Committee on Human Resources and Facilities was called to order by Chairman Joe Neal at 9:10 a.m., Friday, May 1, 1981, in Room 323 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. Exhibit A is the Meeting Agenda. Exhibit B is the Attendance Roster.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Joe Neal, Chairman  
Senator James N. Kosinski, Vice Chairman  
Senator Richard E. Blakemore  
Senator Wilbur Faiss  
Senator Virgil M. Getto  
Senator James H. Bilbray

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Connie S. Richards, Committee Secretary

ASSEMBLY BILL NUMBER 17 \*

Mr. John Duarte, Acting Administrator, Welfare Division spoke in support of Assembly Bill No. 17. He said the block grants will affect only the social service programs; some 40 different programs which amount to approximately \$6.5 billion on the federal level. The division is in favor of blocking grants because it gives the state more flexibility in the ability to place monies where the need is greatest without federal regulations.

The Chairman asked Mr. Duarte what the division will be able to do if the bill is passed that it cannot do presently.

Mr. Duarte replied that it will give the state greater control. He said blocking grants will allow the state to determine which programs should be expanded, lessened or left as they are.

ASSEMBLY BILL NUMBER 307 (EXHIBIT C)

Ms. Phyllis Otten, Technical Writer, State Health Division

\*A.J.R. 17 (see agenda)

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spoke in support of Assembly Bill No. 307. She said the division is asking simply that the requirement that the board meet specifically in January and July be removed. The board meets approximately every six weeks and often the meetings will not fall during those months. She provided a list of statutory meeting requirements for selected state boards (see Exhibit D).

The Chairman asked Ms. Otten why those months were designated in the first place.

Ms. Otten replied that she does not know, adding that the statute has been in affect at least since 1939.

ASSEMBLY BILL NUMBER 293

Mr. Michael Ford, Acting Administrator, Washoe County District Health Department spoke in support of Assembly Bill No. 293. (See Exhibit E.)

Senator Faiss asked how often inspections are made.

Mr. Ford said inspections are made four times per year in Washoe County and may be made more frequently if conditions warrant.

Mr. Al Edmundson, Bureau Chief, Consumer Health Protection Services spoke in support of Assembly Bill Number 293. He said the new system makes it easier for the sanitarian to do his job; two people inspecting a restaurant at the same time will be more likely to have the same results under the new system than the old. The old system may sometimes be unfair.

Senator Kosinski noted there is no language in the bill stating that the regulations of the local health authorities be as stringent as those of the state board of health. He asked whether Mr. Edmundson would have any objection to the inclusion of such language in the bill.

Mr. Edmundson said he would have no objection to such language.

ASSEMBLY BILL NUMBER 144 (EXHIBIT F)

Mr. Bill Moell, Administrator, Vital Statistics provided

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a projection of vital statistics service fee adjustments for fiscal year 1982 and 1983 based on fees set within the bill. (See Exhibit G.)

Senator Bilbray moved to "Do Pass" Assembly Bill No. 144.

The motion died for the lack of a second.

Senator Kosinski said he feels the division should set the fees to be paid for services. He said this would keep the bill consistent with Senate Bill No. 144.

Senator Faiss agreed with Senator Kosinski.

Senator Kosinski moved to "Amend and Do Pass" Assembly Bill No. 144 by deleting Section 8 and substituting the language in Senate Bill No. 144 section 1, subsection 3 allowing the division to set fees.

Senator Faiss seconded the motion.

The motion carried. (Senators Bilbray and Blakemore voted "No".)

ASSEMBLY BILL NUMBER 307 (EXHIBIT C)

Senator Kosinski moved to "Do Pass" Assembly Bill No. 307.

Senator Blakemore seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

ASSEMBLY BILL NUMBER 293

Senator Kosinski told the committee he felt Assembly Bill No. 293 section 4, page 3 should be amended to clearly indicate that regulations must be at least as stringent as those of the state.

Senator Blakemore moved to amend the bill with the amendment suggested by Senator Kosinski.

Senator Bilbray seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

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SENATE BILL NUMBER 574

Senator Kosinski acknowledged the letter received by committee members from Mr. Al Stone, Director, Department of Transportation relative to Senate Bill No. 574 (see Exhibit H).

Mr. Bill Huss, Attorney, representing Harrahs Hotel and Casino at Stateline Nevada spoke in support of Senate Bill No. 574.

Mr. Lewis Dodgion, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency told the committee it would be agreeable with the agency as well as Harrahs and Sahara hotels to require a \$5,000 fee to be paid by each applicant in payment for the indirect source review. All applications must be filed with the division on or before November 1, 1981.

The amendment suggested by Mr. Dodgion is as follows:

delete the words "and the commission" from line 3, page 2, subsection 4 of the bill.

delete the words "any property which becomes an indirect source after June 30, 1981, unless:" and insert the words: "indirect sources proposed to be constructed after June 30, 1981, providing applications for a registration certificate is received by the department on or before November 1, 1981, until:"

add: "(c) An application for a registration certificate under this section shall submit with the application to the department a fee of \$5,000 to process the application. The department shall return to the applicant any portion of said fee which is not expended in processing the application."

Senator Kosinski said he felt the department should be able to set the fee for the application to be sure to cover all costs incurred.

Mr. Dodgion replied the words "such fee as the department shall determine" would also suffice.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

APPROVED BY:

  
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Senator Joe Neal, Chairman

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Connie S. Richards, Committee Secretary

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SENATE AGENDA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

EXHIBIT A

Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

, Room 323

Day Friday

, Date May 1

, Time 8:00 a.m.

A. J. R. No. 17--Requests Congress to return administration of welfare to states and to provide federal support for welfare programs through system of block grants.

A. B. No. 307--Provides flexibility for meetings of state board of health.

A. B. No. 293--Revises grading system for food establishments and makes administrative changes.



**A. B. 307**

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**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 307—ASSEMBLYMEN  
BENNETT AND CHANEY**

**MARCH 10, 1981**

Referred to Committee on Health and Welfare

**SUMMARY**—Provides flexibility for meetings of state board of health. (BDR 40-215)

**FISCAL NOTE:** Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

**EXPLANATION**—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT relating to the state board of health; deleting certain requirements for the meeting dates of the board; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 439.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 439.060 1. The state board of health shall meet [in January and in  
3 July in each year.] *at least once every 6 months.*  
4 2. The state board of health shall hold such special meetings as may  
5 be called by the chairman. A special meeting [shall] *must* be called  
6 whenever requested by the state health officer or by two members of the  
7 board.  
8 3. Four members constitute a quorum, but a concurrence of at least a  
9 majority of the members of the board is required on all questions.

**STATUTORY MEETING REQUIREMENTS FOR SELECTED STATE BOARDS**

<b>NRS</b>	<b>BOARD</b>	<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>
381.002	Museums & History	quarterly <u>EXHIBIT D</u>
385.040	Education	four meetings annually
422.110	Welfare	once each quarter
561.095	Agriculture	once every three months
624.080	Contractors	as necessary
630.100	Medical Examiners	twice a year
631.170	Dental Examiners	twice a year
633.231	Osteopathic	twice annually
634A.080	Oriental Medicine	once a year
634.070	Chiropractic	2nd Monday of September; 2nd Monday of March
636.095	Optometry	twice annually
637.050	Opticians	once annually
637A.040	Hearing Aid Specialists	on call of the chairman
637B.160	Audiologist	annually
638.060	Veterinarian	annually
639.050	Pharmacy	once every six months



# WASHOE COUNTY

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Testimony By Michael Ford, M.P.H.,

EXHIBIT E

Acting Administrator

Washoe County District Health Department

In Support of AB 293

AB 293 would amend Chapter 446 of NRS, which deals with the food service sanitation efforts of the State Division of Health and the two District Health Departments - Clark and Washoe. This bill would delete a mandated grade card system and allow for District Boards of Health to adopt local regulations which would be more stringent than those of the State Board of Health. This bill if passed would allow for the food service sanitation program in Nevada to be brought up to the current state of the art by providing for the adoption of the 1976 Model Food Service Sanitation Code of the Food and Drug Administration, U.S. Public Health Service.

Chapter 446 and State Board of Health Regulations currently in existence adopted the 1962 Model Food Code of FDA - USPHS, with local variations. This code employed a 118 item inspection format with cumulative demerit values and a grading system. The practical use of this system over the years has pointed out deficiencies in the system. It is possible to assign a B or C grade to an establishment when there are few, if any, deficiencies which are

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directly related to food handling or protection practices or health hazards. The 118 item inspection system also lends itself to double marking and places an undue emphasis on construction and maintenance practices again only indirectly related to foodborne disease potential.

The FDA - USPHS recognized these deficiencies and developed the 1976 Code - a revision of the 1962 Code. The 1976 Code consolidated the 118 item system into a 44 item system. It simplified the entire inspection process by grouping several of the types of deficiencies which might be found in an inspection. It results in the sanitation inspection placing greater emphasis on food handling practices and the potentialities of food borne disease. It reduces the possibility of double marking. The 1976 system does not use a grade card system. The score is a deductive process starting at 100 rather than an additive system. This system lends itself to an administrative process for permit suspension. A place is either acceptable and clean - or it is dirty and closed. The 1976 Code has been adopted by many states and local public health jurisdictions across the country. Maine, New Hampshire, Tennessee, Texas, Delaware, Virginia, Colorado, Arizona, Iowa - 19 states so far, and 47 local health jurisdictions. It is of course the official code used by FDA inspectors and is the official code used when survey's of the State program are done by the Feds.

We believe that the use of the 1976 Code would be an improvement in the food service sanitation program in Nevada. We believe it would lead to a more fair, a more realistic evaluation of the

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sanitation level of a food establishment and be more indicative of the foodborne disease potential of that establishment.

In order to adopt this Model Code, it is necessary to remove the statutory language relating to grade cards. Further, in order to allow some flexibility at the local level, language is proposed whereby the District Boards of Health can adopt this Model Code with some local variations. The Washoe County District Board of Health is in support of these proposed changes and the Nevada Public Health Association as well.

AB 293 would achieve that end and we urge the positive consideration of this legislation by the committee.

(REPRINTED WITH ADOPTED AMENDMENTS)

SECOND REPRINT

A. B. 144

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 144—ASSEMBLYMEN  
CHANEY AND BENNETT

FEBRUARY 11, 1981

Referred to Committee on Health and Welfare

SUMMARY—Makes various administrative changes in provisions regarding vital statistics. (BDR 40-211)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to vital statistics; removing the requirement of binding certificates; designating the place of birth for children born in moving conveyances; changing the requirements for filing a death certificate; specifying fees; making certain administrative changes; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. NRS 440.160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 440.160 The state registrar shall:

3 1. Arrange [ , bind ] and permanently preserve the certificates in a  
4 systematic manner.

5 2. Prepare and maintain a comprehensive and continuous card  
6 index of all births and deaths registered. The cards [ shall ] *must* show  
7 the name of the child or the deceased, the place and date of birth or  
8 death [ , ] *and* the number of the certificate. [ , and the volume in which  
9 it is contained. ] When a certificate of birth indicates that a person has  
10 changed his name, the card index [ shall ] *must* contain a card for each  
11 name.

12 SEC. 2. NRS 440.175 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 440.175 1. Upon request, the state registrar may furnish statistical  
14 data to [ ]:

15 (a) The Public Health Service in the Department of Health, Educa-  
16 tion, and Welfare, upon reimbursement for the cost of furnishing such  
17 data.

18 (b) Any other [ ] any federal, state, local or other public or private  
19 agency, upon such terms or conditions as may be prescribed by the  
20 board.



1 2. No person may prepare or issue any document which purports to  
2 be an original, certified copy or official copy of:

3 (a) A certificate of birth, death or fetal death, except as authorized  
4 in this chapter or by the board.

5 (b) A certificate of marriage, except a county recorder or a person so  
6 required pursuant to NRS 122.120.

7 (c) A decree of divorce or annulment of marriage, except a county  
8 clerk or the judge of a court of record.

9 SEC. 3. NRS 440.280 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 440.280 1. If a birth occurs in a hospital or the mother and child  
11 are immediately transported to a hospital, the person in charge of the  
12 hospital or his designated representative shall obtain the necessary infor-  
13 mation, prepare a birth certificate, secure the signatures required by the  
14 certificate and file it within 10 days with the health officer of the regis-  
15 tration district where the birth occurred. The physician in attendance  
16 shall provide the medical information required by the certificate and  
17 certify to the fact of birth within 72 hours after the birth. If the physician  
18 does not certify to the fact of birth within the required 72 hours, the  
19 person in charge of the hospital or his designated representative shall  
20 complete and sign the certification.

21 2. If a birth occurs outside a hospital and the mother and child are  
22 not immediately transported to a hospital, the birth certificate [shall]  
23 *must* be prepared and filed by one of the following persons in the follow-  
24 ing order of priority;

25 (a) The physician in attendance at or immediately after the birth;

26 (b) Any other person in attendance at or immediately after the birth;

27 (c) The father, mother or, if the father is absent and the mother is  
28 incapacitated, the person in charge of the premises where the birth  
29 occurred.

30 3. *If a birth occurs in a moving conveyance, the place of birth is the*  
31 *place where the child is removed from the conveyance.*

32 4. In cities, the certificate of birth [shall] *must* be filed at a less  
33 interval than 10 days after the birth if so required by municipal ordi-  
34 nance or regulation. [now in force or which may hereafter be enacted.

35 4.] 5. Unless paternity has been determined otherwise by a court  
36 of competent jurisdiction, if the mother was:

37 (a) Married at the time of birth, the name of her husband [shall]  
38 *must* be entered on the certificate as the father of the child.

39 (b) Unmarried or widowed at the time of birth but married at the  
40 time of conception, the name of her husband at the time of conception  
41 [shall] *must* be entered on the certificate as the father of the child.

42 [5.] 6. If the mother was unmarried at the time of birth and con-  
43 ception, the name of the father [shall] *must* be entered on the original  
44 certificate of birth if the father executes an affidavit acknowledging  
45 paternity of the child and the mother consents thereto. If both the father  
46 and mother execute an affidavit acknowledging paternity of the child  
47 and consenting to the use of the surname of the father as the surname of  
48 the child, the name of the father [shall] *must* be entered on the original  
49 certificate of birth and the surname of the father [shall] *must* be entered  
50 thereon as the surname of the child. Affidavits executed pursuant to this

1 subsection [shall] must be submitted to the local health officer, his  
2 authorized representative, or the attending physician or midwife prior to  
3 the time a proper certificate of birth is forwarded to the state registrar.  
4 The affidavits executed pursuant to this subsection [shall] must then be  
5 delivered to the state registrar for filing. The state registrar's file of  
6 affidavits [shall] must be sealed and affidavits in the file may be  
7 examined only upon order of a court of competent jurisdiction or request  
8 of either the father or mother executing the affidavit. The local health  
9 officer shall complete the original certificate of birth in accordance with  
10 this subsection and other provisions of this chapter. The name of the  
11 father [shall] may not otherwise appear on the original certificate of  
12 birth unless paternity has been determined by a court of competent  
13 jurisdiction.

14 [6.] 7. If a determination of paternity has been made by a court  
15 of competent jurisdiction, the name of the father as determined by the  
16 court [shall] must be entered on the certificate.

17 SEC. 4. NRS 440.310 is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 440.310 1. Whenever the state registrar received a *certified* report  
19 of adoption, amendment or annulment of adoption filed in accordance  
20 with the provisions of NRS 127.157 or the laws of another state or  
21 foreign country, or a certified copy of the adoption decree he shall pre-  
22 pare a supplementary certificate of birth in the new name of the adopted  
23 person which shows the adoptive parents as the parents, and, except as  
24 provided in subsection 2, seal and file the report or decree and the  
25 original certificate of birth.

26 2. Whenever the state registrar receives a *certified* report of adop-  
27 tion, amendment or annulment of an order or decree of adoption from  
28 a court concerning a person born outside this state, the report must be  
29 forwarded to the office responsible for vital statistics in the person's state  
30 of birth. If the birth occurred in a foreign country, the report must be  
31 returned to the attorney or agency handling the adoption for submission  
32 to the appropriate federal agency unless a birth certificate has been pre-  
33 pared pursuant to NRS 440.303, in which case the state registrar shall,  
34 if he receives evidence that:

35 (a) The person being adopted is a citizen of the United States; and

36 (b) The adoptive parents are residents of Nevada,  
37 prepare a supplementary certificate of birth as described in subsection 1.

38 3. Sealed documents may be opened only upon an order of the court  
39 issuing the adoption decree, expressly so permitting, pursuant to a peti-  
40 tion setting forth the reasons therefor.

41 4. Upon the receipt of a certified copy of a court order of annulment  
42 of adoption, the state registrar shall restore the original certificate to its  
43 original place in the files.

44 SEC. 5. NRS 440.380 is hereby amended to read as follows:

45 440.380 1. The medical certificate of the death [shall] must be  
46 signed by the physician, if any, last in attendance on the deceased, or pur-  
47 suant to regulations [which may be issued] adopted by the board, it may  
48 be signed by the attending physician's associate physician, the chief medi-  
49 cal officer of a hospital or institution in which death occurred, or the



1 pathologist who performed an autopsy upon the deceased. The person  
2 who signs the medical certificate of death shall specify:

3 (a) [The time in attendance.

4 (b) The time he last saw the deceased alive.

5 (c) The hour [of the day at] and day on which death occurred.

6 [(d)] (b) The cause of death, so as to show the cause of disease or  
7 sequence of causes resulting in death, giving first the name of the disease  
8 causing death (primary cause), and the contributory (secondary) cause,  
9 if any, and the duration of each.

10 2. In deaths in hospitals or institutions, or of nonresidents, the physi-  
11 cian shall furnish the information required under this section, and may  
12 state where, in his opinion, the disease was contracted.

13 SEC. 6. NRS 440.490 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 440.490 The undertaker or person acting as undertaker shall present  
15 the completed certificate [to the local health officer.] of death to the  
16 local registrar within 72 hours after the occurrence or discovery of the  
17 death. If a case is referred to the coroner, he shall present a completed  
18 certificate to the local registrar upon disposition of the investigation.

19 SEC. 7. NRS 440.670 is hereby amended to read as follows:

20 440.670 1. Upon request, the state registrar shall supply to any  
21 applicant a certificate reciting the birth date, sex, [color] race and  
22 birthplace of any person whose birth is registered under the provisions  
23 of this chapter. [Such] The certificate [shall] must show that the data  
24 therein contained is as disclosed by the record of the birth.

25 2. Every such certificate [shall be] is prima facie evidence in all  
26 courts and places of the facts therein stated.

27 SEC. 8. NRS 440.700 is hereby amended to read as follows:

28 440.700 1. Except as provided in subsections 2 and 3, the board  
29 shall charge and collect the following fees:

30 For certified copies of birth certificates and death certi-	
31 cates.....	\$4
32 For verification of information on certificates.....	2
33 For issuing a birth card.....	4
34 For a search of records.....	2
35 For amendments to certificates, including those made	
36 necessary by adoption, declaration of paternity and	
37 other circumstances, including a certified copy of the	
38 amended certificate.....	10
39 For alterations to a certificate.....	5
40 For issuing a delayed birth certificate, including a certified	
41 copy.....	5

42 2. Upon the request of any parent or guardian, the state registrar  
43 shall supply, without fee, a certificate limited to a statement as to the  
44 date of birth of any child as disclosed by the record of such birth when  
45 the same [shall be] is necessary for admission to school or for [the  
46 purpose of] securing employment.

47 [2.] 3. The United States Bureau of the Census may obtain, with-  
48 out expense to the state, transcripts or certified copies of births and  
49 deaths without payment of [the fees prescribed in this chapter.] a fee.

50 SEC. 9. NRS 440.680 is hereby repealed.

PROJECTION OF VITAL STATISTICS SERVICE FEE  
ADJUSTMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1982 & 1983

NOTE: 10% per year growth Certified  
Copies only with base year FY 80

EXHIBIT 9 TYPE OF SERVICE	FY 80			FY 82			FY 83		
	AMOUNT	SERVICE FEE(\$)	REVENUE	AMOUNT	SERVICE FEE(\$)	REVENUE	AMOUNT	SERVICE FEE(\$)	REVENUE
Certified Copies of Birth/Death Certificates	20,479	\$2.00	\$40,958	24,573	\$4.00	\$98,292	27,030	\$4.00	\$108,120
Verification of information on Certificates	322	\$1.00	\$322	322	\$2.00	\$644	322	\$2.00	\$644
Issuance of a Birth Card	1,154	\$1.00	\$1,154	1,154	\$4.00	\$4,616	1,154	\$4.00	\$4,616
Record Search	2,186	\$1.00	\$2,186	2,186	\$2.00	\$4,372 <sup>(2)</sup>	2,186	\$2.00	\$4,372 <sup>(4)</sup>
Amendments (Adoptions, Paternities, etc.) Includes certified copy	1,289	-0-	-0-	1,289	\$10.00	\$12,890	1,289	\$10.00	\$12,890
Alterations of a Certificate	1,738	-0-	-0-	1,738	\$5.00	\$8,690	1,738	\$5.00	\$8,690
Issuance of a Delayed Birth Certificate (includes Certified Copy)	87	-0-	-0-	87	\$5.00	\$435	87	\$5.00	\$435
<b>TOTAL REVENUE TO GENERAL FUND</b>			<u>\$44,620.00</u>			<u>\$129,939.00</u>			<u>\$139,767.00</u> <sup>(5)</sup>

1) 3,000 verifications for Nevada Governments and Federal agencies would add \$6,000 to stated FY 82 revenues if service was provided for a fee instead of free.

2) 3,000 record searches for Nevada Governments and Federal agencies would add \$6,000 to stated FY 82 revenues if service was provided for a fee instead of for free.

3) 3,000 verifications for Nevada Governments and Federal agencies would add \$6,000 to stated FY 83 revenues if service was provided for a fee instead of free.

4) 3,000 record searches for Nevada Government and Federal agencies would add \$6,000 to stated FY 83 revenues if service was provided for a fee instead of free.

5) Fee schedules for FY 82 and FY 83 is consistent with the fee schedules of the vast majority of other states.



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April 30, 1981

EXHIBIT E

A. E. STONE  
Director

IN REPLY REFER TO

Senate Bill No. 574

The Honorable Joe Neal  
Chairman of Human Resources and Facilities  
Nevada Senate  
Carson City, NV 89710

Dear Senator Neal:

Your Committee on Human Resources and Facilities reviewed S.B. 574 on Tuesday, April 28, which deals with extending review of indirect sources of air pollution.

For your Committee's information, page 2, section 4, line 3 of S.B. 574 would require the Department of Transportation to prepare an Indirect Source Review (ISR) document for each new highway or highway improvement that would increase vehicle capacity by a designated amount. Previous regulations required an ISR for new highways of 20,000 or more vehicle capacity, and for reconstruction of existing highways that would increase the capacity by 10,000 or more.

The preparation of an ISR involves extensive analysis of a proposed highway project's traffic and air quality impacts. The purchase of new air quality monitoring equipment would be required by the Department. Also, the additional workload would require one or two more full-time staff to be hired for the Department.

Presently, no funds have been budgeted in the Department's budget request currently being reviewed in Senate Finance and Assembly Ways and Means Committees for additional equipment and personnel required by this Bill.

If you or members of your Committee have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A. E. STONE  
Director

AES:jn  
cc: Committee members

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