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# Nevada Alliance for Retired Americans

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Senate Committee on Human Resources & Facilities  
Room 2134 – 8:00 am  
Comments by Scott Watts  
SB 138

Chairman Rawson and Committee Members,

Talking points:

- I am here to let you know that NARA supports this legislation and the State of Nevada should use the same eligibility rules for determining Medicaid at the same time SSI eligibility is determined.
- NARA strongly supports this concept because it would ease the burdens on retired Americans and other seniors.
- As people age, there seems to be more paperwork to deal adding to the confusion of older Americans.
- Anything that can be done to simplify procedures for retirees and older Americans would help their lives.



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- Only one form should be used - to save paper that is being processed. It could be done **once** with 1 - 4 copy from - with copies going to SSI (Federal Government) one to Medicaid, one to the person filing the form and one to the agent doing the registering. All documents would be exactly the same this would cut down on errors and different information being provided to different agencies.
  
- Although there is some costs to the State, in the long run it would be more cost effective when correcting mistakes and making copies.
  
- Thank you for your attention and we hope you will report favorably on this bill and pass it out of Committee.