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**BILL: AB 473** Amends NRS 445A to Transfer Responsibility for the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund from Health Division to Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP)

**NEVADA STATE HEALTH DIVISION**

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**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Date: Monday, May 12, 2003, Room 2144**

Good afternoon Mr. Chairman, and members of the Committee. For the record, I am Alex Haartz, Deputy Administrator of the State Health Division. The Health Division supports AB 473 and the intent to transfer statutory responsibility for administration of the loan fund from the Health Division to the Division of Environmental Protection. The Health Division believes the consolidation of the Safe Drinking Water Act Revolving Loan Fund, which makes low interest loans of federal funds to community water systems for capital improvements can create administrative efficiencies for the customers who approach both the Revolving Loan Fund as well as NDEP's AB 198 grant program for community water systems authorized under NRS 349.980.

I would be happy to answer any of your questions.

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