

**MINUTES OF THE FLOOR MEETING
OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON REVENUE**

**Eighty-Second Session
May 30, 2023**

The Committee on Revenue was called to order by Chair Shea Backus at 9:21 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, behind the bar of the Assembly.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblywoman Shea Backus, Chair
Assemblywoman Venicia Considine, Vice Chair
Assemblywoman Natha C. Anderson
Assemblywoman Lesley E. Cohen
Assemblywoman Danielle Gallant
Assemblyman Ken Gray
Assemblyman Gregory T. Hafen II
Assemblywoman Erica Mosca
Assemblyman Duy Nguyen
Assemblyman P.K. O'Neill
Assemblyman David Orentlicher
Assemblywoman Shondra Summers-Armstrong

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michael Nakamoto, Chief Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Susanna Powers, Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Gina Hall, Committee Secretary
Cheryl Williams, Committee Assistant

Chair Backus:

[Roll was taken.] I will open the work session on Assembly Bill 490 and turn it over to Ms. Powers.



**Assembly Bill 490: Authorizes the establishment of academic medical districts.
(BDR 22-586)**

Susanna Powers, Deputy Fiscal Analyst:

Assembly Bill 490 was sponsored by Assemblyman Yeager and heard by this Committee on May 18, 2023 [[Exhibit C](#)]. Assembly Bill 490 creates the Academic Medical District Act and authorizes the creation of an academic medical district, authorizes the adoption of an ordinance creating a tax increment area for the primary purpose of financing certain types of infrastructure and capital projects within the district, and authorizes certain businesses that provide health care or conduct scientific research and are located or expand or intend to locate in an academic medical district to apply to the Governor's Office of Economic Development for a partial abatement of local sales and use taxes and the modified business tax.

Proposed Amendment No. 3729 to A.B. 490 [[Exhibit D](#)] was submitted by Assemblyman Yeager. The amendment:

- Makes changes to the definition of "academic medical center;"
- Changes the legislative findings related to the creation of academic medical districts;
- Requires the district to have a full-service public hospital, rather than a full-service nonprofit hospital;
- Expands the membership of the board of directors of the district;
- Specifies that the addition of new areas to the tax increment area must happen after a series of findings outlined in the amendment;
- Requires a notification to the board of county commissioners regarding the creation of the district, if the county is not a participating entity in the district;
- Authorizes the board of county commissioners to conduct a hearing regarding the fiscal effect on local governmental services of the project if the participating entity is not the board of county commissioners for the county in which the academic medical district is located;
- Authorizes a public hospital located within an academic medical district to enter into an agreement to affiliate with a publicly or privately owned entity upon certain approvals;
- Specifies that an academic medical district is not authorized to take any action related to a public hospital within the medical district that is within the authority of the hospital governing board or the board of trustees for the public hospital;

- Prohibits an academic medical district from establishing and maintaining rates, fees, charges, or other compensation for services provided at a public hospital; and
- Adds a new section, which amends Chapter 396 of *Nevada Revised Statutes* by adding a new section authorizing the Board of Regents to enter into an agreement to affiliate with a publicly or privately owned entity.

Finally, an additional amendment to the bill has been proposed that is not reflected in the amendment [[Exhibit D](#)]. It deletes the word "regulates" from section 19 in order to avoid any confusion or overlap with the governing structure for the University Medical Center.

Chair Backus:

We have one more amendment from Assemblywoman Summers-Armstrong [[Exhibit E](#)]. It is a friendly amendment. I will ask her to summarize it.

Assemblywoman Summers-Armstrong:

My proposed amendment also has a line in here from Assemblywoman Mosca. The gist of it is in section 10, subsection 1, paragraph (d), which is to include, to the extent practicable, employment and training opportunities for minority citizens who reside in the qualified census tracts directly adjoining the medical district; and improve access to health care and outcomes of health care in this State; and develop and diversify the economy of the State.

Chair Backus:

Do we have any questions regarding [A.B. 490](#), or any of the three amendments?

Assemblyman Gray:

I have a question on the amendment. Can a proposed change be included to add one or two words, or is it take it or leave it as it is right now?

Chair Backus:

What are the one or two words? The problem is we do not have the bill sponsor here right now.

Assemblyman Gray:

I was going to say, "minority citizens and veterans." There are a lot of veterans in that area too.

Chair Backus:

Assemblywoman Summers-Armstrong has to tweak her amendment a little more on the Senate side. Mr. Hardy has been more than willing to work with everyone. He has been helping the bill sponsor. I know there needs to be a few more tweaks that have to happen on the Senate side, unless Assemblywoman Summers-Armstrong is okay adding the veterans.

Assemblywoman Summers-Armstrong:

Let us do it all at one time. I do not think that is a bad idea. We can be inclusive or we can take "minority" out.

Assemblyman Gray:

I am okay with it, as long as "practicable" is in there. I would also like to shine a light on the veterans. There are a lot of medical veterans who have training from the military, and that training is not worth anything.

Assemblywoman Summers-Armstrong:

When we do the final amendment tomorrow I will make sure to include "veterans."

Assemblywoman Cohen:

Businesses such as donut shops still do not get the benefit, correct? The business has to have a medical nexus.

Chair Backus:

Mr. Hardy, who assisted in the bill presentation, had indicated they do not get the benefit.

Assemblywoman Anderson:

I am very appreciative of Mr. Hardy meeting with me right away. We had a pretty lengthy discussion because I was worried about doctors from other areas moving to that area based upon this break. He has assured me that will be clarified in the regulations, as well as the fact that it cannot be like a call center.

Assemblyman Gray:

I like the fact that businesses like donut shops are exempt, because those businesses are going to come along anyway, and they will drive up revenue in that area.

Chair Backus:

Are there any other questions regarding the bill or the three amendments? [There were none.]

Assemblywoman Mosca:

I want to thank the bill sponsor for taking my amendment request and Assemblywoman Summers-Armstrong for including it.

Chair Backus:

I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass Assembly Bill 490.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDERSON MADE A MOTION TO AMEND AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 490.

ASSEMBLYMAN GRAY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMAN ORENTILICHER VOTED NO.)

I doubt there will be any floor statements, but I will assign it to myself for ease of passing out paperwork. I will close the work session on A.B. 490. I will open the hearing to public comment. [There was none.] We are adjourned [at 9:29 p.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Gina Hall
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Assemblywoman Shea Backus, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

[Exhibit C](#) is the Work Session Document for Assembly Bill 490, dated May 30, 2023, submitted and presented by Susanna Powers, Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit D](#) is a proposed amendment titled "Proposed Amendment 3729 to Assembly Bill No. 490," dated May 26, 2023, submitted by Assemblyman Steve Yeager, Assembly District No. 9.

[Exhibit E](#) is a proposed conceptual amendment to Assembly Bill 490, submitted and presented by Assemblywoman Shondra Summers-Armstrong, Assembly District No. 6.