



MINUTES
DCDW Legislation Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 8, 2021
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.
Zoom

Attendance: Janice Noble, JoAnn Carpenter, Jill Hetherington, Louella Novak, Lucy DuPertuis, Melinda Spitek, Beth Mancl

1. Welcome/Introductions/Announcements

Beth Mancl called the meeting to order at 9:35

2. Review of Meeting Minutes

There were no additions or corrections to the March 11, 2021 minutes.

3. Old Business

A. Reports from Subcommittees:

(1) Economic Justice – Beth Mancl Beth discussed the status of following bills:

AB124, which prohibits employers from discriminating against employees on the basis of sex by taking certain actions relating to employment opportunities
DECLARED EXEMPT ON 3/8

AB141 Increases the length of notice required before certain tenants may be evicted without cause; requiring automatic sealing of records during COVID-19 HEARD ON 3/4

SB12 Requires certain notices before the termination of a restriction relating to the affordability of certain housing PASSED OUT OF SENATE COMM. ON 3/26

AB185 Eliminates scheduled increases in the minimum wage. NOT HEARD

AB190, SB209 Expands reasons for use of sick leave AB190, AMEND AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE 3/26; SB209, AMEND AND DO PASS ON 4/2 SENATE COMMITTEE FIRST HOUSE

(2) Education – Jill Hetherington- Jill discussed the following bills:

There may be major changes on those bills involving programs for loss of learning. It also appears that spending has been cut in China Lake. The bill before the legislature transferring the community college system to its own board of trustees is moving forward.

(3) Environmental Justice – Lucy DuPertuis

AJR5 the 30x30 bill has been passed out of committee.
SJR7 urges Congress to transfer title of public lands to the state and private control.
Oppose this anti-public lands legislation. UPDATE, DIED IN COMMITTEE
AJR 1 and 2, Mining taxes – AMEND AND DO PASS OUT OF COMMITTEE
FIRST HOUSE
SJR 1 Returns mining taxes to Nev. Residents. NO ACTION, PROBABLY DEAD
AB380 Energy and Green House Gas Emission HEARD 4/6 SUPPORT
AB84 Wild Fires DO PASS 3/31 FIRST HOUSE
AB354 Water Transfers from Agriculture to Developers. OPPOSE HEARD ON 4/5
AB413 Establishes interim study on Transportation HEARD 4/8

(4) Gender Equity – JoAnn Carpenter – JoAnn discussed the following bills:

As of the date of this meeting all bills are still viable.
Sex trafficking seems to be a much-discussed topic at the legislature.
AB113 Provides that there is no limitation of time within which a criminal
prosecution for sex trafficking must be commenced. DO PASS 4/7 OUT OF
COMMITTEE FIRST HOUSE
AB143 This bill defines victims of human trafficking and requires the DHHS to
develop a plan for delivery of services and form a Statewide taskforce to assist the
Department. HEARD 4/7
SJR8* Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to guarantee equal rights PASSED
BOTH HOUSES, WILL GO TO THE VOTERS IN 2022
SB51 Revises provisions relating to sex- or gender-based harassment in the Executive
Department of the State Government. AMEND AND DO PASS 4/6 OUT OF
COMMITTEE FIRST HOUSE

(5) Healthcare & Welfare – Melinda Spitek

ACR5 Creates an interim study on behavioral health workforce development HEARD
3/18
AB178 Availability of prescription drugs during an emergency HEARD 3/10
AB35 Aid to NV seniors (62 & older) and disabled PASSED 3/3 OUT OF
COMMITTEE FIRST HOUSE

(6) Social Justice – Cheryl Arquile -Beth Mancl in for Cheryl

AB78 – Background checks NO ACTION, PROBABLY DEAD
AB286- Ghost Gun Bill – AMEND AND DO PASS OUT OF COMMITTEE 4/9
FIRST HOUSE
AB222- Makes it unlawful to retaliate against employees for reporting, requesting or
refusing to engage in unlawful activity (whistleblower) HEARD 3/15
SB199 – Clarifies definition of “race” NO ACTION

SB223 – No discrimination in jury selection HEARD 3/23
AB239 – Immigration enforcement agreements NO ACTION
AB351 Death With Dignity HEARD 4/7

(7) Criminal/Juvenile Justice – Sandy Paul and Melanie Meehan-Crossley

AB17 Discharge from probation or parole AMEND AND DO PASS 2/17 OUT OF COMMITTEE FIRST HOUSE
AB23 Procedures to commit incompetent criminal defendant AMEND AND DO PASS 2/26 OUT OF COMMITTEE FIRST HOUSE
AB21 Provisions relating to a forensic facility DO PASS 2/26 OUT OF COMMITTEE FIRST HOUSE
AB219 Provisions governing sealing of criminal records AMEND AND DO PASS 4/1 OUT OF COMMITTEE FIRST HOUSE
AB282, SB108, Bias training for judges and employees NO ACTION ON AB282, AMEND AND DO PASS SB108 4/2 OUT OF COMMITTEE FIRST HOUSE
SB291 Petition to seal criminal records without review by prosecutor HEARD 4/2
AB243 Creates misdemeanor penalty for targeted residential picketing AMEND AND DO PASS 4/9 FIRST HOUSE

(8) Voting Rights/Elections & Gov’t – JoAnn Carpenter

AB126 Proposes changes to future primary elections HEARD, AMEND AND DO PASS 4/8 OUT OF COMMITTEE FIRST HOUSE
SB130 Both AB126 and SB130 propose changing the caucus primary to a presidential primary some differences. NO ACTION ON SB130
AB163 Requires proof of identity for in-person voting. NO ACTION
AB137 Requires proof of identity for in-person voting NO ACTION
SB225, SB101 and AB264 Bills attempting to suppress voting rights.NO ACTION
SB121 This bill changes the nominating process for partisan offices to create a modified nonpartisan “blanket” primary system in which the names of all candidates appear on the primary election ballot and any registered voter may vote for any candidate regardless of affiliation with a political party. This bill also provides that a person can become a candidate for partisan office at a primary election regardless of the person’s affiliation with a political party or lack thereof. NO ACTION

(9) Miscellaneous – Beth Mancl

IP1 Increase gaming license fees – GOES TO THE VOTERS
Ab234 Exempts certain organizations from registering with Gaming Control Board HEARD 3/25
SJR9 Independent redistricting commission NO ACTION
AJR15 Provides for annual legislative sessions. DECLARED EXEMPT

4. New Business:

A. Planning for the 2021 Session.

(1) Central Committee Presentation

Since bills we are following may no longer be viable by the 23rd and there may be other viable bills that might be included, each presenter should submit their bill list slide to Beth no later than the 19th. It was also suggested that we include a handout that would go out with the CC's latest email so that the audience can follow along and take notes.

(2) Goals and Objectives for 2021-22

The draft for the 2021-22 G&O's was adopted unanimously by the committee (see attached).

(3) Letter Writing Campaign

The letter writing campaign is off to a slow start, probably due to the busy legislative session. Beth will contact the committee again.

(4) Other items:

a. Truth

There was a lengthy discussion about the proposed "Truth" goal. It was decided to involve the membership in this important discussion. Janice will follow through with the membership using the template developed for our "Values" statement. Two of the proposed questions for the membership: (1) What is truth for you? and (2) How do you find the truth?

If any members of our Legislation Committee have suggestions for a third question, please contact Janice.

5. President's Update – Janice Noble

There is an E-Cycle and Shredding Day at CVI on May 1st. Also, Between Humans and Horses is having a fundraising event on May 3.

6. Announcements

No other announcements.

7. Next Meeting:

May 13, 2021 which will either be a Zoom meeting or an in person meeting at HQ depending on circumstances.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15 am.