

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 6–
Assemblywoman Cohen

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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the Legislative Commission to create an interim committee to study the working conditions at licensed brothels.

WHEREAS, It is unlawful for any person to engage in prostitution or the solicitation therefor, except in a licensed house of prostitution; and

WHEREAS, There are numerous licensed brothels operating within the boundaries of this State; and

WHEREAS, The regulations of the State Board of Health require sex workers in licensed brothels and prospective workers to be tested for the presence or absence of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and other sexually transmitted diseases; and

WHEREAS, The regulations of the Board include certain other requirements regarding licensed brothels related to public health and the control of communicable diseases; and

WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature has an inherent interest in the health, safety and general welfare of all workers in the State, including sex workers in licensed brothels, and wishes to be well informed on these matters; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is hereby directed to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study concerning the health and well-being of workers at licensed brothels, as described herein, which is composed of:

1. Three members of the Assembly; and
2. Three members of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission shall designate one of the members appointed to the committee to serve as the Chair of the committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the study must include, without limitation, an examination of:

1. The extent to which the rules and working conditions in licensed brothels provide for the health, safety and general welfare of sex workers in licensed brothels;
2. The ways in which contracts between sex workers in licensed brothels and brothel owners and operators protect the physical and mental health of those workers;
3. The adequacy of oversight and regulation by the State and licensing and law enforcement units of local government with



respect to the health, safety and general welfare of workers in licensed brothels; and

4. Employment issues, including, without limitation, the classification of sex workers as employees versus independent contractors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the committee shall consult with and solicit the input of interested stakeholders, including, without limitation:

1. Units of local governments which licensed brothels;
2. Owners and operators of brothels;
3. Law enforcement agencies; and
4. Workers in licensed brothels; and be it further

RESOLVED, That any recommended legislation proposed by the committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the Senate and a majority of the members of the Assembly appointed to the committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission submit a report of the results of the study and any ratified recommended legislation to the 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the State Board of Health and the governing bodies of those units of local government which license brothels in the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

