
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5–
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE ADVISORY COMMISSION
ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE)

MARCH 27, 2017

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Directs the Legislative Commission to appoint an interim study concerning controlled substances. (BDR R-1069)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study concerning controlled substances.

1 WHEREAS, The laws of this State governing controlled
2 substances, including the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, were
3 largely enacted in 1971 and the laws governing trafficking in
4 controlled substances were largely enacted in 1983, and these laws
5 have not been systematically reviewed since being enacted; and

6 WHEREAS, Effective policies are necessary to prosecute
7 traffickers who sell, manufacture, deliver or bring controlled
8 substances into this State; and

9 WHEREAS, Current national trends to reform drug crime policies
10 include amending controlled substance schedules and revising
11 penalties related to certain drug crimes and trafficking offenses; and

12 WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature hereby recognizes the need
13 for a review of the laws that govern controlled substances; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
16 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is
17 hereby directed to appoint, as soon as practicable after July 1, 2017,
18 a committee composed of three members of the Senate and three
19 members of the Assembly, one of whom must be appointed as Chair



1 of the committee, to conduct an interim study concerning controlled
2 substances in this State; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the committee should solicit the input and
4 recommendations of persons and entities concerned with controlled
5 substances, including, without limitation, certain members of law
6 enforcement, prosecutors, criminal defense attorneys, certain
7 pharmaceutical experts and any agencies and organizations with
8 expertise in matters relevant to controlled substances; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That this interim study must include, without
11 limitation:

12 1. An analysis of the weight determination of controlled
13 substances for the purpose of prosecuting persons trafficking in
14 controlled substances;

15 2. Consideration of similar reforms from other jurisdictions of:
16 (a) Weights and units of controlled substances for the purpose of
17 providing a penalty;

18 (b) Penalties for persons convicted of unlawful possession of
19 controlled substances; and

20 (c) Penalties for persons convicted of trafficking in controlled
21 substances; and

22 3. A determination of the manner in which to effectively
23 prosecute persons unlawfully possessing and trafficking in
24 controlled substances; and be it further

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

29 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission shall submit a
30 report of the results of the study and any recommendations of
31 legislation to the 80th Session of the Nevada Legislature; and be it
32 further

33 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
34 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor.

