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DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Organization: Advisory Council for Prosecuting Attorneys

Date and Time of Meeting: March 25, 2021 • 2:30 p.m.

Place of Meeting: Telephonic Conference Call
Number: 605-313-5111
Access code: 468822

Members Present:

Aaron D. Ford, Attorney General, Chair
Theresa Haar, Special Assistant Attorney General,
Executive Director
AJ Delap, LVMPD
Christopher Hicks, Washoe County District Attorney
Karl Hall, Reno City Attorney
Art Mallory, Churchill District Attorney
Steve Wolfson, Clark County District Attorney

Guests Present:

Anela Kaheaku, Attorney General's Office
Jenny Noble, Washoe County District Attorney

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.**
2. **Public Comment.**
None
3. **Approval of minutes of December 15, 2020 meeting.**
Motion to approve the minutes by Christopher Hicks and second by Art Mallory.
4. **Discussion of 2021 Legislative session.**
AG Ford states that there were 14 Bills that were submitted and 11 have passed out of their respective communities, a few have passed out of their respective houses. The few that are remaining are two from the Bureau of Consumer Protection and one relates to Anti-Trust and the other relates to price gouging during an emergency. Those are still being worked on and it is anticipated that they will be passing out of committee next week. Another one

that is pending is tobacco that needs to align with Federal Law bringing up the purchase age to 21 and that should be forthcoming as well. AG Ford would like to offer his appreciation to this Association for the work done together on at least two bills that were of particular importance. The first was related to no-knock warrants and police operations, the second was what the AGO refers to Patterns and Practices Investigations. AG Ford states that he is happy that through the Association and with help from Jenny and John they were able to get both of those bills into a form that were both unanimously accepted by every member of the committee in both the senate for the no-knock warrant bill and the assembly for the patterns and practices bill. AG Ford states that there was no way that it could have been done without everyone's assistance and wanted to thank everyone for their assistance with those.

Ms. Haar wanted to go thru some of the other bills that are related to prosecutors and criminal justice reform. BD 251 Juvenile Interrogation, SB 246 Surveillance Data Protection; and AB 201 Informants. There are concerns about AB 201 and if this relates to jail-house informants or all criminal informants on a broader scale. This will need to be cleaned up. SB 228 Death Penalty Repeal; AB 243 Blind Charging; and AB 42 City of Henderson that relates to misdemeanors trial as it relates to domestic battery. She asks the committee if there are any other bills or concerns or comments on any of the bills.

AG Ford asks Ms. Nobel if she has any input or questions/concerns.

Ms. Nobel states that one of the concerns she has is with the jail house informant's bill. The concerns she has with this bill is that there are other times that they have cooperation from other incarcerated persons, and they are able to verify that information thru other means so that testimony from the incarcerated person is not needed. The blind charging bill is another concern. There are two bills and one bill is written that is receiving heavy fiscal notes from both Clark and Washoe, justifiably so, because it requires them to do a two-step process without software that would allow them to do that along with hand redaction on each of the documents which will take time and slow down processes. Those are some of the bills that they are working on.

AG Ford appreciates the information.

Mr. Hicks states that one bill that is a hot topic is the death penalty bill. He knows that there are two of them now. For this committee's information he states that the District Attorney Association of Nevada had a meeting last week and they unanimously agreed to oppose that bill for multiple reasons.

Mr. Mallory adds that as far as the rural counties are concerned, they would be against abolishing the death penalty, its just a general consensus of the population. Also, for informational purposes on legislature, they are getting a lot of feedback from people who are upset that they are not able to go and watch in person, the legislature sessions.

AG Ford states that he has no intentions of giving an opinion on the death penalty at this time from an official AG office perspective. He may be asked his opinion, but he thinks

that its common knowledge that he will enforce the death penalty as part of his duties as AG. From a personal perspective he opposes the death penalty. He has no intention to go over there and give his opinion on the matter.

AG Ford states that as far as the legislative building being open for the public, there are people in the building have gotten COVID and some have died from COVID and there are those people with compromised health conditions. So, there are concerns to opening up to the public and many people not wearing masks. It was a legislative decision to keep the building closed to the public. They intend to open up the building later this month.

5. **Public Comment.**

None.

6. **Adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Mallory and seconded by Mr. Hicks.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Anela Kaheaku, Legal Secretary II