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Mr. Pat Laughlin
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Re: Open Meeting Law Complaint / AG File No. 12-023
Sunset Subcommittee of Legislative Commission

Dear Mr. Laughlin:

We have reviewed your complaint and its exhibit—the agenda for the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission—which met on June 5, 2012 at the Grant Sawyer State office building in Las Vegas.

We asked Mr. Ken Wellington for his response to the allegation that his remarks to the Sunset Subcommittee indicated the Elko County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CAB) had taken action to support the position taken by Mr. Wellington's testimony before the subcommittee.

We reviewed his response and we reviewed a verbatim excerpt of his testimony before the Sunset Subcommittee.

Mr. Wellington's testimony to the Sunset Subcommittee began with an introduction that he was the Chairman of the Elko CAB, but nowhere in the short statement did he say or imply that he was speaking for the CAB. Mr. Wellington's introduction of himself as Chairman of the Elko CAB did not violate any prohibition in the OML. Furthermore, nothing in Mr. Wellington's testimony indicated or implied that the Elko CAB has taken action to support Mr. Wellington's testimony.

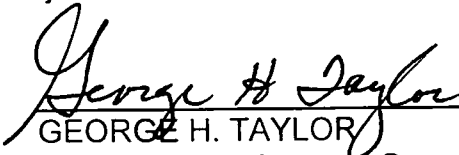
Your complaint indicated that the Elko CAB had not made such a decision, but whether the Elko CAB did or did not take a position regarding testimony before the Sunset Subcommittee was not reflected in Mr. Wellington's remarks in support of the current structure with the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at the top.

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Mr. Wellington's testimony before the Sunset Subcommittee did not violate the OML.

Sincerely,

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