



RESOLUTION No. 15-195

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 1193 WHICH WOULD REQUIRE EACH COUNTY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THE ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT (AOT) DEMONSTRATION PROJECT ACT OF 2002 (LAURA'S LAW) UNLESS THE COUNTY ELECTS NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM BY ENACTING A RESOLUTION AND WHICH EXTENDS THE REPEAL DATE OF THE STATUTE UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2022

WHEREAS, in 2002, California enacted the Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Demonstration Project Act of 2002, also known as Laura's Law, (Welfare and Institutions Code 5345) (AB 1421), to permit counties the option to implement court-ordered AOT services for individuals with a serious mental illness when the court finds that a person's recent history of hospitalizations or violent behavior, and noncompliance with voluntary treatment indicates the person is likely to become dangerous or gravely disabled without the court-ordered outpatient treatment; and

WHEREAS per Resolution 08-164, adopted April 22, 2008, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors authorized the implementation of AB 1421 in Nevada County, and since implementation county participants in the program who had previously been unable to access voluntary community services because of their illness have had the number of hospital days needed reduced and their number of incarceration days have also decreased, and it is estimated that the county has saved \$1.81 for every 1 dollar that has been spent on this program; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 1193 would require each county to implement the provisions of Laura's law unless the county elects not to participate in the program by enacting a county resolution, and AB 1193 would extend the repeal date of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Demonstration Project Act of 2002 until January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, AOT fills a gap in the treatment continuum, and allows for a treatment option that is less restrictive than a locked inpatient facility via the W&I 5150 process and research studies of AOT programs have demonstrated that services are highly successful in some of the most severe and persistent cases of mental illness; and

WHEREAS, the passage of AB 1193 would promote further implementation of AOT within the state and as this law has proven to be a valuable tool for Nevada County for providing a legal and clinical structure necessary to give severely mentally ill individuals who chronically refuse voluntary treatment the support they need to achieve stability and meaningful recovery in their communities, Nevada County wishes to support the passage of AB 1193.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors, of the County of Nevada, State of California, adopts this Resolution as support for Assembly Bill (AB) 1193 which would require each county to implement the provisions of the Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Demonstration Project Act of 2002 (Laura's Law) unless the county elects not to participate in the program by enacting a resolution and which extends the repeal date of the statute until January 1, 2022.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 12th day of May, 2015, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Nathan H. Beason, Edward Scofield, Dan Miller,
Hank Weston and Richard Anderson.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

ATTEST:

JULIE PATTERSON HUNTER
Interim Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By:  _____

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Edward C. Scofield, Chair

5/12/2015 cc: BH*