



**NEVADA LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION'S SUBCOMMITTEE TO STUDY
THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF LOGISTICS AND
DISTRIBUTION CENTERS AND ISSUES CONCERNING
INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION**

(Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 30, File No. 96, *Statutes of Nevada 2009*)

SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT

The fourth meeting and work session of the Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Study the Development and Promotion of Logistics and Distribution Centers and Issues Concerning Infrastructure and Transportation was held on Wednesday, June 21, 2010, at 1 p.m. in Room 4401 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 3138 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. A copy of this set of "Summary Minutes and Action Report," including the "Meeting Notice and Agenda" ([Exhibit A](#)) and other substantive exhibits, is available on the Nevada Legislature's website at <http://www.leg.state.nv.us/interim/75th2009/committee/>. In addition, copies of the audio record may be purchased through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (e-mail: publications@lcb.state.nv.us; telephone: 775/684-6835).

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS:

Assemblyman Kelvin D. Atkinson, Chair
Senator Shirley A. Breeden, Vice Chair
Senator Bob Coffin
Senator David R. Parks
Assemblywoman Barbara E. Buckley

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN CARSON CITY:

Senator Maurice E. Washington
Assemblywoman Heidi S. Gansert

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

Senator Dennis Nolan

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:

Marjorie Paslov Thomas, Principal Research Analyst, Research Division
Wayne Thorley, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division
Heidi A. Chlarson, Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division
Darcy L. Johnson, Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division
Lucinda Benjamin, Senior Research Secretary, Research Division

OPENING REMARKS

- Chairman Atkinson welcomed the members and public to the meeting and explained the work session process.

APPROVAL OF THE “SUMMARY MINUTES AND ACTION REPORT” OF THE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 2, 2010, IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

- The Subcommittee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

SENATOR COFFIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2, 2010, MEETING IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUCKLEY, WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Wes Henderson, Government Affairs Coordinator, Nevada Association of Counties (NACO), stated support for Recommendation No. 2 of the “Work Session Document” ([Exhibit B](#)).
- John Peddie, Senior Vice President, OHL Company, provided information about OHL as a third-party logistical service company in Nevada and asked the Subcommittee to consider providing training support for logistic services. He also commented on Recommendation No. 8, which promotes Nevada as the “Manufacturing and Distribution Capital of the West” and the “Best Business Climate in America,” and discussed the movement of goods across the United States from west to east. He was of the opinion that companies are contemplating moving from California to Nevada due to the business-friendly environment. He stated the OHL Company would like to be included in Recommendation No. 9, which encourages stakeholders to meet and develop a coordinated statewide economic development plan to promote diversification of the Nevada economy. Mr. Peddie said the creation of jobs is a goal of the logistics industry.

In response to comments from Senator Coffin, Mr. Peddie clarified that the OHL Company and local development agencies are supportive of attracting businesses to northern Nevada, and he was of the opinion that private companies such as OHL could be available to meet with companies that are investigating a relocation to attract those companies to Nevada.

- Senator Coffin commented that confidentiality should be maintained for companies that are contemplating a move to Nevada.
- Ray Bacon, Executive Director, Nevada Manufacturers Association, stated that he has visited the OHL facility and commented on the need for confidentiality for businesses that may be contemplating a move to Nevada as well a review of the current process

used by associations and agencies when meeting with potential businesses. Mr. Bacon commented on the proposed airport at Ivanpah, Nevada, and opined that the most efficient warehouses have the largest capital investment and the lowest level of employment, and he suggested lowering the thresholds for the number of employees and amounts of capital investment for businesses in urban areas to match the threshold requirements in the rural areas.

- Senator Coffin commented on Recommendation No. 3 and requested clarification of the proposals from the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP) regarding the appropriate percent of hourly wage levels.

WORK SESSION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO:

- *Designation of a Future Interstate Highway 11*
- *Economic Incentives for Logistic-Based Businesses and Renewable Energy Businesses*
- *Economic Development in Northern and Southern Nevada*
- *Development of a State Route 805, Which Would be Located in Northern Nevada*
- *The Western High-Speed Rail Alliance*
- *Infrastructure Improvements for Economic Development*
- *Advertising of Economic Opportunities*
- *Logistics and Supply Chain Management Education*

“WORK SESSION DOCUMENT”

The “Work Session Document” ([Exhibit B](#)) was prepared by staff of the Legislative Commission’s Subcommittee to Study the Development and Promotion of Logistics and Distribution Centers and Issues Concerning Infrastructure and Transportation. The document contains recommendations within the scope of the study that were presented in hearings or submitted in writing for the Subcommittee’s consideration.

The possible actions listed in the document do not necessarily have the support or opposition of the Subcommittee. Rather, these possible actions are compiled and organized so the members may review them to decide if they should be adopted, changed, rejected, or further considered. Individual or joint sponsors of recommendations may be referenced in parentheses.

Please note that specific sponsors of the recommendations may not be provided if the proposals were raised and discussed by numerous individuals and entities during the course of the study.

Pursuant to *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 218D.160, interim committees conducting a study or investigation are limited to five legislative measures (bill draft requests and requests for the drafting of resolutions). The Legislative Commission shall then submit any recommendations for legislation to the 76th Session of the Nevada State Legislature.

For purposes of this “Work Session Document,” the recommendations have been grouped by the type of Subcommittee action requested. Please note that the recommendations are not preferentially ordered. Additionally, although possible actions may be identified within each recommendation, the Subcommittee may choose to recommend any of the following actions: (1) draft legislation; (2) draft a resolution; (3) draft a letter; or (4) include a statement in the final report.

Finally, it should be noted that many of the recommendations may contain an unknown fiscal impact. Subcommittee members should be advised that Legislative Counsel Bureau staff will coordinate with the interested parties to obtain detailed fiscal estimates, where appropriate (for inclusion in the final report), and that all recommendations may be considered within available funding limits.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1—Draft a resolution asking Congress and the Federal Highway Administration to designate U.S. Route 93 as future Interstate Highway 11. The Interstate Highway would begin at the border of Mexico (south of Tucson, Arizona), continue through Las Vegas, Nevada, and Reno, Nevada, and end at the border of Canada (north of Seattle, Washington). By designating this as an Interstate Highway, it would connect to the Interstate Highway 40 east to west corridor and assist in making Nevada the distribution and manufacturing “Capital of the West.” *(Discussed by Subcommittee members at the April 26, 2010, meeting)*

- Marjorie Paslov Thomas, Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), explained the development of the “Work Session Document” and provided information for Recommendation No. 1.
- Senator Coffin commented that recommendations may be combined in bill draft requests (BDR).
- To clarify Recommendation No. 1, Senator Parks explained that U.S. Route 93 merges with Highway 95 North in Las Vegas, which is proposed to be designated as the future Interstate Highway 11 that would end at the border of Canada.

- The Subcommittee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

SENATOR COFFIN MOVED TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION NO. 1 TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION ASKING CONGRESS AND THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION TO DESIGNATE U.S. ROUTE 93 AS FUTURE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 11. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUCKLEY, WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 2—Draft a bill to allow a person who intends to locate a logistics-based business or renewable energy business, excluding businesses that would be currently eligible for the abatements set forth in *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 360.750 or 701A.365, to apply to the Commission on Economic Development for a partial abatement of one or more of the taxes imposed on the new business pursuant to Chapter 361, 363B, or 374 of the NRS. If the business is in a county whose population is 100,000 or more or a city whose population is 60,000 or more, the business must meet at least two of the following requirements:

- (a) The business will have 50 or more full-time employees on the payroll of the business by the fourth quarter that it is in operation;
- (b) Establishing the business will require the business to make a capital investment of at least \$500,000 in this State; or
- (c) The average hourly wage that will be paid by the new business to its employees in this State is at least 80 percent of the average statewide hourly wage established by the Employment Security Division of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation on July 1 of each fiscal year, and the business will provide a health insurance plan for all employees that includes an option for health insurance coverage for dependents of the employees. The cost to the business for the benefits the business provides to its employees in this State will meet the minimum requirements for benefits established by the Commission. (*Discussed by Subcommittee members at the January 21, 2010, meeting, April 26, 2010, meeting, and the June 2, 2010, meeting*)

- Ms. Paslov Thomas provided an explanation of the development of Recommendation No. 2.

In response to a comment from Senator Coffin, Russell Guindon, Senior Deputy Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Division, LCB, explained that current law requires the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation to calculate the statewide hourly wage that is used for economic development tax abatement programs for businesses in Nevada. Mr. Guindon explained the different tax abatement programs that apply to businesses operating in Nevada and the county hourly wage standards and requirements of renewable energy companies in accordance with recent legislative changes. Concluding, Mr. Guindon provided information on transportation warehousing wages as compared to statewide hourly wage levels.

Discussion ensued on: (1) comparisons for transportation and warehousing wage levels; (2) reduced wage level incentives; and (3) State and county wage levels for businesses relocating to Nevada.

- Senator Coffin commented on the comparison of wages and the cost of health insurance.
- Speaker Buckley commented on the wage levels for supervisors and employees and the balance between tax abatements and fair wage issues.
- Assemblywoman Gansert commented on modifying thresholds rather than changing wage levels.

In response to questions from Assemblywoman Gansert, Mr. Guindon explained that the language approved in Assembly Bill 522 (Chapter 377, *Statutes of Nevada 2009*) is for facilities that actually produce renewable energy, and Recommendation No. 2 excludes businesses that would be currently eligible for the abatements set forth in NRS 360.750 or 701A.365.

- Senator Washington commented on the use of population thresholds in Recommendation No. 2 and suggested amending the Recommendation to include the Reno-Tahoe Industrial Center in Storey County.
- Ms. Paslov Thomas explained Chapter 360 of NRS and the applicability of population thresholds.

Discussion ensued regarding the inclusion of all businesses and the suggestion that a “sunset” provision be included in the BDR. The “sunset” provision could be addressed in the 2011 Legislative Session along with the term of the abatements.

- Heidi Chlarson, Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division, LCB, clarified that according to NRS 218D.355 any State legislation enacted on or after July 1, 2009, which authorizes or requires the Commission on Economic Development to approve abatement of taxes expires by limitation ten years after the effective date of that legislation.
- The Subcommittee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUCKLEY MOVED TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION NO. 2 TO DRAFT A BILL TO ALLOW A PERSON WHO INTENDS TO LOCATE A LOGISTICS-BASED BUSINESS OR RENEWABLE ENERGY BUSINESS, TO APPLY TO THE COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR A PARTIAL ABATEMENT OF ONE OR MORE OF THE TAXES IMPOSED ON THE NEW BUSINESS PURSUANT TO CHAPTERS 361, 363B, OR 374 OF NRS WITH A

TWO-YEAR SUNSET, AND THE BDR WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE CHAIR. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR PARKS, WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 3—Draft a resolution expressing the Legislature’s intent to prioritize economic development in two areas: (a) logistics-related businesses; and (b) renewable energy-related businesses. The resolution should further express the legislative intent that funds from any source which are used for job training, vocational education, or other relevant projects, be considered first for job training, education and development in logistics-related businesses, and renewable energy-related businesses to develop expertise in the Nevada workforce.

- Ms. Paslov Thomas provided an explanation of Recommendation No. 3.
- Assemblywoman Gansert and Senator Washington expressed concern in prioritizing the suggested two areas for economic development and were of the opinion that additional opportunities are available for economic development in Nevada.

Discussion ensued regarding “prioritizing” specific areas for economic development. Chair Atkinson offered changing the word to “support,” which was agreeable to Assemblywoman Gansert and Senator Washington. Comments on the need to prioritize were made by Subcommittee members.

- The Subcommittee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUCKLEY MOVED TO DRAFT A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: (1) LOGISTICS-RELATED BUSINESSES; (2) RENEWABLE ENERGY-RELATED BUSINESSES; AND (3) UTILIZING FUNDS FROM ANY SOURCE FOR JOB TRAINING, VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, AND EDUCATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOGISTICS- AND RENEWABLE ENERGY-RELATED BUSINESSES TO DEVELOP NEVADA’S WORKFORCE EXPERTISE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR BREEDON, WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Assemblywoman Buckley commented that Nevada does not prioritize job training or education funds toward the jobs the State is trying to attract. She opined that to have successful economic development the funds need to be aligned, which is the purpose of the resolution, and the next step would be to develop an overall philosophy or plan for future economic development.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WRITING LETTERS

RECOMMENDATION NO. 4—Draft letters to Nevada’s Department of Transportation and Nevada’s Congressional Delegation supporting the development of State Route 805, which will connect Interstate Highway 80 and U.S. Highway 50. According to testimony, the developers of the Tahoe–Reno Industrial Center in Storey County will donate the right-of-way to the State for the construction of State Route 805. Further, it was noted that the creation of this road is vital to the continued growth and economic diversification of Nevada. *(Discussed by Subcommittee members at the April 26, 2010, meeting)*

- Ms. Paslov Thomas provided an explanation of Recommendation No. 4.
- Senator Washington suggested adding the Board of Directors of the Department of Transportation to the agencies to receive a letter.
- The Subcommittee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUCKLEY MOVED TO DRAFT LETTERS TO THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, NEVADA’S DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATE ROUTE 805, WHICH WILL CONNECT INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 80 AND U.S. HIGHWAY 50. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR BREEDEN, WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 5—Draft letters to the Clark County Board of Commissioners, the Director of the Aviation Department of Clark County, and the Director of Nevada’s Department of Transportation urging their support of the industrial development within the Ivanpah range along with the development of a the future Ivanpah Airport. According to testimony, industrial development in the area should be included in the Environmental Impact Study, which is being prepared by Clark County’s Aviation Department. Additionally, funding should be allocated for the development of road, rail, and utility infrastructure into the Ivanpah area and consideration should be given to expand State Route 164 in order to serve the Ivanpah area. *(Recommended by representatives of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties [NAIOP], Southern Nevada Chapter, at the April 26, 2010, meeting)*

- Ms. Paslov Thomas provided an explanation of Recommendation No. 5.

Discussion ensued regarding changes to Recommendation No. 5, which could precipitate: (1) a redraft of the environmental impact study; (2) creation of a different model; or (3) the selection of alternative sites. The Subcommittee supported the need for development of the Ivanpah range.

- The Subcommittee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUCKLEY MOVED TO DRAFT LETTERS TO THE CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND DIRECTOR OF AVIATION DEPARTMENT OF CLARK COUNTY URGING SUPPORT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE IVANPAH RANGE ALONG WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FUTURE IVANPAH AIRPORT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR PARKS, WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 6—Draft letters to the Clark County Board of Commissioners; City Councils of Boulder City, the City of Henderson, the City of Las Vegas, the City of North Las Vegas; and the Board of NAIOP, Southern Nevada Chapter, requesting that they coordinate and designate funding and stimulus dollars for construction of infrastructure improvements including roads, electrical, sewer, and other utilities to large areas of vacant land in southern Nevada. It was noted that large sites should be developed quickly in order to attract major distribution centers and manufacturers. (Recommended by representatives of NAIOP, Southern Nevada Chapter, at the April 26, 2010, meeting)

- Ms. Paslov Thomas provided an explanation of Recommendation No. 6.
- The Subcommittee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

SENATOR BREEDEN MOVED TO DRAFT LETTERS TO THE CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS; CITY COUNCILS OF BOULDER CITY, THE CITY OF HENDERSON, THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, THE CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS; AND THE PRESIDENT OF NAIOP, SOUTHERN NEVADA CHAPTER, REQUESTING THAT THEY COORDINATE AND DESIGNATE FUNDING FROM THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 (PUBLIC LAW 111-5) (ARRA) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING ROADS, ELECTRICAL, SEWER, AND OTHER UTILITIES TO LARGE AREAS OF VACANT LAND IN SOUTHERN NEVADA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR COFFIN, WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 7—Draft letters to the members of the Western High-Speed Rail Alliance, which include the Denver Regional Council of Governments, Maricopa Association of Governments, Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) of Southern Nevada, RTC of Washoe County, and the Utah Transit Authority, supporting their efforts of determining the viability of developing and promoting a high-speed rail (HSR) network to provide high-speed rail connections throughout the Rocky Mountain region with eventual connections to the Pacific Coast and other regions of the United

States. Additionally, the members of the Alliance should be commended for their plan to work jointly for the acquisition of funding to conduct studies of HSR options, to develop plans for HSR infrastructure, and to construct HSR facilities throughout the region as they are determined to be viable. Further, a HSR network promotes economic expansion (including new manufacturing jobs), creates new choices for travelers beyond flying or driving, reduces national dependence on oil, and fosters urban and rural community development. (Discussed by Subcommittee members at the April 26, 2010, meeting)

- Ms. Paslov Thomas provided an explanation of Recommendation No. 7.
- The Subcommittee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

SENATOR COFFIN MOVED TO DRAFT LETTERS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN HIGH-SPEED RAIL ALLIANCE, WHICH INCLUDES THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS, REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (RTC) OF SOUTHERN NEVADA, RTC OF WASHOE COUNTY, AND THE UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY, SUPPORTING THEIR EFFORTS OF DETERMINING THE VIABILITY OF DEVELOPING AND PROMOTING A HIGH-SPEED RAIL NETWORK TO PROVIDE HIGH-SPEED RAIL CONNECTIONS THROUGHOUT THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION WITH EVENTUAL CONNECTIONS TO THE PACIFIC COAST AND OTHER REGIONS OF THE UNITED STATES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR WASHINGTON, WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 8—Draft letters to the Governor of the State of Nevada, Lieutenant Governor (serving in his capacity of Chair of the Commission on Economic Development), Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance, and Chair of the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means urging them to promote Nevada as the “Manufacturing and Distribution Capital of the West” and the “Best Business Climate in America.” Focus should be on companies that have a large number of jobs, not only highly-technical jobs but high-paying jobs. Additionally, a professional national media campaign should be designed to attract businesses from the east that are considering moving west. In order to accomplish this, funding should be included in the *Executive Budget* to hire and pay for such a campaign. Further, the State should increase funding to local economic development agencies, including the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) and the Nevada Development Authority (NDA). (Recommended by representatives of NAIOP, Southern Nevada Chapter, at the April 26, 2010, meeting)

- Ms. Paslov Thomas provided an explanation of Recommendation No. 8.

- Assemblywoman Gansert stated the need to reinforce the services provided by the current economic development authorities and cautioned against the creation of a new agency.
- Speaker Buckley stated that a new agency is not being proposed and clarified the intent of Recommendation No. 8 was to promote Nevada businesses.
- The Subcommittee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GANSERT MOVED TO DRAFT LETTERS TO THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (SERVING IN HIS CAPACITY OF CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT), CHAIRS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS URGING THEM TO PROMOTE NEVADA AS THE “MANUFACTURING AND DISTRIBUTION CAPITAL OF THE WEST” AND THE “BEST BUSINESS CLIMATE IN AMERICA.” THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUCKLEY, WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCLUDE A STATEMENT IN THE FINAL REPORT

RECOMMENDATION NO. 9—Include a statement in the final report encouraging the Secretary of State, Commission on Economic Development, EDAWN, NDA, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, Reno/Sparks Chamber of Commerce, and any other interested parties including leaders of the business community, to meet and develop a coordinated statewide economic development plan to promote diversification of the Nevada economy. The participants should consider consolidating resources and identifying targeted industries to relocate to Nevada. It is important to target such industries, particularly for education and training. *(Recommended by Senator Dennis Nolan)*

- Ms. Paslov Thomas provided an explanation of Recommendation No. 9.
- The Subcommittee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

SENATOR COFFIN MOVED TO INCLUDE A STATEMENT IN THE FINAL REPORT ENCOURAGING THE SECRETARY OF STATE, COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EDAWN, NDA, LAS VEGAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, RENO/SPARKS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES INCLUDING LEADERS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, TO MEET AND DEVELOP A COORDINATED STATEWIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO PROMOTE DIVERSIFICATION OF THE NEVADA ECONOMY.

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR BREEDEN, WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

RECOMMENDATION NO. 10—Include a statement in the final report supporting a partnership between the State, the business community, and the Nevada System of Higher Education, to further the logistics and supply chain management industry in Nevada. Members of the partnership should consider focusing their resources on a consolidated Supply Chain Management (SCM) program, beginning in the elementary schools and continuing up to the university level. (Discussed by Subcommittee members at the June 2, 2010, meeting)

- Ms. Paslov Thomas provided an explanation of Recommendation No. 10.

Discussion ensued regarding the integration and alignment of State education funds, job training resources, and the ARRA of 2009 funds to support economic development activities as a priority for Nevada. The Subcommittee discussed contacting Milton D. Glick, President, University of Nevada (UNR), Reno. The Subcommittee supported the need for adequate funding and the need for additional support from the business community for the SCM Program.

- Assemblywoman Gansert stated that she had attempted to contact the President, UNR, and was unable to do so. She stated support for a letter to the Chancellor, Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE), in support of logistics and renewable energy.
- The Subcommittee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GANSERT MOVED TO INCLUDE A STATEMENT IN THE FINAL REPORT SUPPORTING A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, AND NSHE, TO FURTHER THE LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT INDUSTRY IN NEVADA. MEMBERS OF THE PARTNERSHIP SHOULD CONSIDER FOCUSING RESOURCES ON A CONSOLIDATED SCM PROGRAM, BEGINNING IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND CONTINUING UP TO THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL AND A LETTER BE SENT TO THE CHANCELLOR, NSHE, SUPPORTING LOGISTICS IN NEVADA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR COFFIN, WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Senator Coffin requested clarification on the number of remaining BDRs allocated to the Subcommittee. He commented that the highway coalition has provided support for a proposal for weight and distance issues, which could be a BDR for the 2011 Legislative Session.

ADDITIONAL SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Discussion ensued regarding a pilot Vehicle Miles Traveled Project and government services tax as proposed by the Nevada Highway Users Coalition. The Chair commented that these issues could be addressed by the Senate and Assembly Committees on Transportation during the 2011 Legislative Session.

- Assemblywoman Buckley commented on potential transportation and logistics issues that could be vetted by the 2011 Legislative Session.

- The Subcommittee **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ACTION:**

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BUCKLEY MOVED TO RESERVE TWO BDRs SUPPORTING LOGISTICS AND DISTRIBUTION CENTERS AND ISSUES CONCERNING INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION IN NEVADA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR BREEDEN, WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Chair Atkinson announced he would contact the Nevada Highway Users Coalition to discuss issues of concern and suggested that a personal or committee BDR could be used to address the concerns.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comment was received. The Chair thanked the members and staff for their work on the Subcommittee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucinda Benjamin
Senior Research Secretary

Marjorie Paslov Thomas
Principal Research Analyst

APPROVED BY:

Assemblyman Kelvin D. Atkinson, Chair

Date: _____

LIST OF EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the “Meeting Notice and Agenda” provided by Marjorie Paslov Thomas, Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB).

[Exhibit B](#) is the “Work Session Document” prepared and submitted by Marjorie Paslov Thomas, Principal Research Analyst, Research Division, LCB.

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