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JOINT INTERIM STANDING COMMITTEE ON GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE

COMMITTEE BRIEF
2023–2024 INTERIM
JANUARY 2024

INTRODUCTION

The [Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure](#) (Committee) was created with the passage of [Assembly Bill 443](#) in 2021. The Committee considers topics related to transportation and energy, including the following:

- Highways, roads, and bridges;
- Mass transit projects;
- Motor carriers;
- Motor vehicles, including motorcycles and off-highway vehicles;
- Traffic safety and laws, including bicycles and pedestrian issues;
- Energy policy;
- Public utilities; and
- Renewable energy policy and programs.

As authorized in *Nevada Revised Statutes* ([NRS](#)) [218E.815](#), the Committee may:

(a) Evaluate, review and comment upon matters related to energy policy within this State, including, without limitation:

(1) Policies, plans or programs relating to the production, consumption or use of energy in this State;

(2) Legislative measures regarding energy policy;

(3) The progress made by this State in satisfying the goals and objectives of [Senate Bill 123](#) of the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature;

(4) The effect of any policy, plan, program or legislation on rates or rate payers;

(5) The effect of any policy, plan, program or legislation on economic development in this State;

(6) The effect of any policy, plan, program or legislation on the environment;

(7) Any contracts or requests for proposals relating to the purchase of capacity;

(8) The effect of any policy, plan, program or legislation which provides for the construction or acquisition of facilities for the generation of electricity;

(9) The effect of any policy, plan, program or legislation on the development of a market in this State for electricity generated from renewable energy;

(10) The infrastructure and transmission requirements of any policy, plan, program or legislation; and

(11) Any other matters or topics that, in the determination of the Committee, affect energy policy in this State.

(b) Conduct investigations and hold hearings in connection with its duties pursuant to this section.

(c) Request that the Legislative Counsel Bureau assist in the research, investigations, hearings and reviews of the Committee.

(d) Make recommendations to the Legislature concerning the manner in which energy policy may be implemented or improved.

2. As used in this section, "renewable energy" has the meaning ascribed to it in [NRS 701.070](#).

(Added to NRS by [2013, 3344](#); A [2013, 3346](#); [2021, 2514](#))

Further, the Committee may request up to ten bill draft requests on issues that address transportation and energy.

MEMBERS

Each Joint Interim Standing Committee consists of eight regular members and five alternate members. The following legislators have been appointed to this Committee:

- Senator Dallas Harris, Chair;
- Assemblyman Howard Watts, Vice Chair;
- Senator Carrie Buck;
- Senator Skip Daly;
- Assemblywoman Tracy Brown-May;
- Assemblyman Max Carter;
- Assemblywoman Jill Dickman; and
- Assemblywoman Danielle Gallant.

The following legislators serve as alternates:

- Senator Ira Hansen;
- Senator Julie Pazina;
- Assemblywoman Heidi Kasama;
- Assemblywoman Brittney Miller; and
- Assemblywoman Shondra Summers-Armstrong.

PRIORITY AREAS OF FOCUS

The Committee will focus its time and attention primarily on issues related to policies, programs, and initiatives that enhance the affordability and reliability of energy and transportation-related resources and services for Nevadans, including:

- Energy-related issues;
- Transportation planning, policy, and infrastructure;
- The study of hydrogen;
- Renewable energy, infrastructure, and funding;
- Traffic safety and pedestrian safety; and
- Other matters in its jurisdiction as needed based on current events.

2023–2024 COMMITTEE MEETING DATES*

- January 24, 2024;
- March 13, 2024;
- April 17, 2024;
- May 29, 2024
- July 17, 2024; and
- August 21, 2024.

* Meeting dates may change in order to accommodate the work of the Committee.

HIGHLIGHTED LEGISLATION FROM THE 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

[Senate Bill 451](#) directs the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure to conduct a study during the 2023–2024 Interim concerning hydrogen as a potential energy resource and the development of hydrogen technologies in Nevada. The study must include, without limitation, a review of the opportunities for students in the Nevada System of Higher Education to study subjects concerning hydrogen and an assessment of the feasibility of using hydrogen as an energy resource in Nevada. On or before January 1, 2025, the Committee must report the study results, including any recommendations for legislation, to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) for transmittal to the 83rd Session of the Nevada Legislature.

RELEVANT REPORTS

A variety of reports and audits are available regarding transportation and energy issues in Nevada, including reports produced by legislative committees, Executive Branch agencies and boards, published by the LCB, or mandated by statute.

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES AND BOARDS

The Office of Energy within the Office of the Governor (GOE), prepares an annual status of energy report ([2022 Status of Energy Report](#)).

In March 2023, Governor Lombardo signed [Executive Order 2023-07](#) establishing the State of Nevada Energy Policies Objectives.

Nevada’s Department of Transportation (NDOT), as well as other transportation entities, must present reports to the Legislature each session as required by Nevada law. These reports are available in the LCB’s Research Library and on the [Research Library’s](#) webpage, as well as NELIS.

Highlighted Summary of Reports			
Entity	Reference	Scope of Report	Due Date
NDOT	NRS 244A.638	Annual report on highway construction projects undertaken with money received from issuance of bonds. For transmittal to the Interim Finance Committee (IFC).	Annually by December 31
NDOT	NRS 408.133	Plan for measuring performance of Department; report on level of achievement. For transmittal to the IFC.	Annually by December 31
NDOT	NRS 408.203(1) and 408.203(2)	Report concerning the four-year and ten-year plans for the construction and maintenance of highways. For transmittal to the chairs of the Standing Committees on Transportation.	October 1 of even-numbered years
NDOT	NRS 408.203(3)	Report to the Legislature concerning the ten-year plan for resurfacing of state highways.	February 1 of odd-numbered years
NDOT	NRS 408.203(4)	Report concerning all mobile equipment eliminated by outsourcing, purchased, or leased in the preceding two fiscal years. For transmittal to the Legislature.	February 1 of odd-numbered years
Department of Motor Vehicles	NRS 487.557	Report concerning garages, garage operators, and body shops. For transmittal to the Legislature and the Chairs of the Standing Committees on Transportation.	Annually by February 1
Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada	Senate Bill 506 (2011)	Report concerning the demonstration project for the development of the Boulder City Bypass. For transmittal to the Legislature.	Annually by February 1
Nevada Transportation Authority	AB 176 (2015)	Report on limits of coverage required for transportation network companies.	Annually by December 1

RESEARCH DIVISION PUBLICATIONS

In addition to Executive Branch reports regarding transportation issues provided to the Legislature, the Research Division publishes policy papers on current topics and major policy areas that are available [online](#).

STAFF SERVICES

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RESEARCH DIVISION ASSISTANCE

The mission of the Research Division is to serve the Nevada Legislature and its standing and interim committees—in a professional and nonpartisan manner—by providing useful, accurate, and timely information concerning public policy issues. The Research Division is available to provide the Committee and its members with assistance on any issue related to matters before the Committee. In addition, the Research Division provides individual members of the Legislature with information and assistance, on a confidential basis, on any topic and may be reached by telephone at (775) 684-6825 or via email at research@lcb.state.nv.us.