

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Eighty-Second Session  
June 3, 2023**

The Committee on Growth and Infrastructure was called to order by Chair Howard Watts at 4:33 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, 2023, in Room 3143 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4406 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. Copies of the minutes, including the Agenda [[Exhibit A](#)], the Attendance Roster [[Exhibit B](#)], and other substantive exhibits, are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and on the Nevada Legislature's website at [www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023).

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Assemblyman Howard Watts, Chair  
Assemblywoman Tracy Brown-May, Vice Chair  
Assemblywoman Jill Dickman  
Assemblywoman Danielle Gallant  
Assemblyman Bert Gurr  
Assemblyman Cameron (C.H.) Miller  
Assemblywoman Sarah Peters  
Assemblywoman Shondra Summers-Armstrong

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Assemblyman Max Carter (excused)  
Assemblywoman Heidi Kasama (excused)  
Assemblywoman Elaine Marzola (excused)  
Assemblywoman Brittney Miller (excused)

**GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:**

Senator Ira Hansen, Senate District No. 14

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jann Stinnesbeck, Committee Policy Analyst  
Jessica Dummer, Committee Counsel  
Connie Barlow, Committee Manager  
Kathy Biagi, Committee Secretary  
Janet Osalvo, Committee Assistant

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**OTHERS PRESENT:**

None

**Chair Watts:**

[Roll was taken. Rules and protocol were reviewed.] Welcome back to the Assembly Committee on Growth and Infrastructure. Members, we do have another bill on our agenda. It is Senate Bill 205 (2nd Reprint), which revises provisions relating to the registration of off-highway vehicles.

We are going to jump right into it, so I will open the hearing on S.B. 205 (R2). Welcome to the Committee, Senator Hansen. Please proceed whenever you are ready.

**Senate Bill 205 (2nd Reprint): Revises provisions relating to the registration of off-highway vehicles. (BDR 43-546)**

**Senator Ira Hansen, Senate District 14:**

Good afternoon. I am here to present Senate Bill 205 (2nd Reprint). This bill really does one fundamental thing. Currently, off-highway vehicles (OHVs) in Nevada are required by law to register yearly. This bill simply provides an option of a three-year window. The dollar amounts would remain exactly the same. For example, if it is \$20 for one year, it would be \$60 for three years. There is a cap in law now; they can go \$20 to \$30 maximum. There is one other provision in the bill, and that is the reciprocity law. If people bring their OHVs from a different state, they are allowed a 15-day window before they have to license them. What we did was to help protect Nevada folks to go into other states. We say, We will treat your state like you treat our state. That really is the whole bill. With that, Mr. Chair, I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

**Chair Watts:**

Thank you—short and sweet. We appreciate the presentation, Senator. Members, do you have any questions?

**Assemblywoman Brown-May:**

Thank you, Senator, for the presentation. I have just one simple question. Registration is through the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for off-highway vehicles. Is this anticipated to decrease the demand at the DMV?

**Senator Hansen:**

I am sorry. I did forget to point out the DMV. If you look at the bill at the end, originally there was a fiscal note attached to the bill by DMV because they thought they had to implement it right away. They would have to do some computer programming changes as they are currently in the process of changing their entire system out. If you see at the end of the bill, this becomes available once DMV has the new system in place. As far as your question, once that is in place, I do not think it changes anything, to be honest with you.

It just changes that from a one-year to a three-year opportunity. When you think about it, it actually gives three times the revenue for one-third the paperwork, it is a good deal for the DMV if they choose to go forward with that.

**Chair Watts:**

Thank you. I think the answer to that question was yes.

**Senator Hansen:**

I am a politician. I am sorry—I cannot just say yes or no.

**Assemblywoman Summers-Armstrong:**

Thank you for bringing this interesting piece of legislation. Can you explain what is the genesis? What is bringing this on?

**Senator Hansen:**

Interestingly enough, currently I have several trailers that I use in my plumbing business, and they give a three-year option for that. I said, Hey, that is a great idea. For me, it means I do not have to worry about going to the DMV or dealing with paperwork but once every three years. I have a bunch of OHVs, also. I thought, Well, why not? Honestly, that really is the complete genesis of the bill. The more I thought about it, it is a good idea for people who want to do this when they register their vehicles. I do not know about you, but it seems like those registration fees and little cards they used to give from DMV seem to come awfully quickly, so if I can push it off to once every three years, it is a great deal for me "paperwork wise" and, I think, for the government folks. They get three times the revenue for one-third of the paperwork, as I said earlier. That is really the genesis of it.

Also, I talked to the guy who, at the moment, runs the OHV section in the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. He did testify earlier. They are in favor of it. He loved the idea for that very reason. The only snag we came up with was the DMV fiscal note. We simply pushed that out and eliminated it. It will become mandatory when they have the new system in place.

**Assemblywoman Dickman:**

I just could not let my senator go without some question. I really love this and I am just wondering if maybe next session you can bring a bill to do this with our vehicles.

**Senator Hansen:**

Honestly, I think that is a good idea. I really do. I do not know about you, but as I said, it seems like those registration renewals come up quickly. If I could do it once every three years instead of every year—I think with automobiles, because the costs are substantially higher, there may be less likelihood of that. In a couple of years, you may sell your car or something. But I agree; I think the option is great. As I said, I do not know who came up with the idea to do this with trailers, but that is the genesis of the bill.

**Chair Watts:**

Thank you. I know I have certainly heard and seen proposals to use the similar three-year option that exists for trailers for other types of registrations, particularly for ones with smaller dollar amounts or those vehicle types that have a little bit more stability. As you mentioned, automobiles can move around quite a bit and then you may end up doing an extended registration and then transferring it to someone else who then has to reregister it. But for some of these other vehicles or items that need to be registered, they tend to have a little bit more staying power.

Again, as you noted, it allows one transaction instead of three. I definitely appreciate your bringing this forward and continuing the conversation on that front. Members, do you have additional questions? Seeing none, thank you very much for the presentation, Senator. With that, we will move to testimony in support of S.B. 205 (R2). Anyone wishing to provide testimony in support, please come forward. [There was no one.] We will move to testimony in opposition. [There was none.] Finally, is there anyone in neutral? [There was no one.]

Senator Hansen, any closing remarks? [There were none.] With that, we will close the hearing on S.B. 205 (R2) and open the work session on Senate Bill 205 (2nd Reprint), which we just heard. Members, are there any questions about this measure? Seeing none, I would accept a motion to do pass S.B. 205 (R2).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DICKMAN MADE A MOTION TO DO PASS  
SENATE BILL 205 (2ND REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GALLANT SECONDED THE MOTION.

Senator Hansen, I was tempted to go into a several minutes-long discussion about how much I appreciate the policy, how much it makes sense that I will likely be the only person in opposition to it, but then discuss how these vehicles are manufactured primarily in China, bring up some additional considerations, but seeing no discussion on the motion, we will vote.

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN CARTER, KASAMA,  
MARZOLA, AND BRITTNEY MILLER WERE ABSENT FOR THE  
VOTE.)

In keeping with the latest tradition in this body, I will be assigning that floor statement to Assemblyman McArthur.

That brings us to the last item on our agenda, which is public comment. Does anyone wish to provide public comment? [There was no one.] Thank you, members. That concludes our business for the day. We are likely going to take possession of one more bill, so we will probably be back, I am guessing tomorrow sometime, to hear that bill. Out of an abundance of caution, although I do not see any more business before us today, we are going to stand in recess [at 4:42 p.m.]. [The meeting was adjourned on the floor of the Assembly at 7:55 p.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Kathy Biagi  
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Assemblyman Howard Watts, Chair

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBITS**

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