

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

**Eighty-Second Session  
March 16, 2023**

The Committee on Growth and Infrastructure was called to order by Chair Howard Watts at 1:32 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, 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  
Assemblyman Max Carter  
Assemblywoman Jill Dickman  
Assemblywoman Danielle Gallant  
Assemblyman Bert Gurr  
Assemblywoman Heidi Kasama  
Assemblywoman Elaine Marzola  
Assemblywoman Brittney Miller  
Assemblyman Cameron (C.H.) Miller  
Assemblywoman Sarah Peters  
Assemblywoman Shondra Summers-Armstrong

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:**

None

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jann Stinnesbeck, Committee Policy Analyst  
Connie Barlow, Committee Manager  
Dylan Small, Committee Secretary  
Garrett Kingen, Committee Assistant



**OTHERS PRESENT:**

None

**Chair Watts:**

[Roll was called. Committee rules and protocol were explained.] We have four bills on work session today. I will open the work session for Assembly Bill 144.

**Assembly Bill 144: Revises provisions governing the sale of certain lighting products.  
(BDR 58-621)**

**Jann Stinnesbeck, Committee Policy Analyst:**

As a nonpartisan staff, I cannot advocate for or against any measure before this body.

Assembly Bill 144 was sponsored by Assemblywoman La Rue Hatch, et al. and heard in this Committee on February 23, 2023. The bill prohibits the sale of compact fluorescent lamps and linear fluorescent lamps. The bill authorizes the Director of the Office of Energy within the Office of the Governor to investigate complaints concerning alleged violations and authorizes the Attorney General to bring a civil action against a person for such violations. Lastly, the bill authorizes the Director to enter and inspect the premises of any distributor or retailer of lighting products to ensure compliance [[Exhibit C](#)].

There were three amendments proposed to this bill. The first proposed amendment was from the Retail Association of Nevada which changes the effective date of the bill and the date on or after which the sale of certain lamps is prohibited.

The second proposed amendment was from Alliance of Automotive Manufacturers which excludes compact fluorescent lamps used to replace a lamp in motor vehicles manufactured on or before January 1, 2020.

The third proposed amendment was from the Governor's Office of Energy which removes the provisions authorizing the Director of the Governor's Office of Energy to investigate complaints and to enter and inspect the premises of any distributor or retailer of lighting products to ensure compliance. It also removes provisions authorizing the Director to adopt regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of the bill.

All three amendments are attached to the work session document beginning on page 3 [[Exhibit C](#)].

**Chair Watts:**

Before we move forward, I want to thank all the different stakeholders who worked with the sponsor on this bill. I know they were working up until the last minute to make sure all the language was agreeable. Also members, I want to make you aware that we know there were some folks from the cannabis industry concerned about potential impacts on growing lamps.

I want to make it clear, both for the industry as well as the members, high-pressure sodium lamps and high-intensity discharge lamps including metal halides, which are some of the lamps that were of interest to the industry, are not covered by the bill.

Are there any questions on the work session document? [There were none.] I will accept a motion to amend and do pass Assembly Bill 144.

ASSEMBLYMAN CARTER MADE A MOTION TO AMEND AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 144.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN PETERS SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN DICKMAN, GALLANT, GURR, AND KASAMA VOTED NO.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman La Rue Hatch. The next bill on work session is Assembly Bill 151.

**Assembly Bill 151: Provides for the issuance of special license plates commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the University of Nevada, Reno. (BDR 43-89)**

**Jann Stinnesbeck, Committee Policy Analyst:**

Assembly Bill 151 was sponsored by Assemblywoman Anderson, et al. and was heard by this Committee on February 21, 2023. The bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles, in cooperation with the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), to design, prepare, and issue special license plates commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the University [[Exhibit D](#)].

There was one proposed amendment to this bill, sponsored by Assemblywoman Anderson. The amendment charges a fee for distribution to the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation for the operation of a program to provide necessary items to students, faculty, and staff of UNR. The amendment also establishes an end date for the issuance of the special license plates. The amendment is attached to the work session document [page 2, [Exhibit D](#)].

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions on the work session document for this bill? [There were none.] I will accept a motion to amend and do pass Assembly Bill 151.

ASSEMBLYMAN CARTER MADE A MOTION TO AMEND AND DO  
PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 151.

ASSEMBLYMAN MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Anderson. The next bill on work session is Assembly Bill 161.

**[Assembly Bill 161](#): Revises provisions governing drivers' licenses. (BDR 43-635)**

**Jann Stinnesbeck, Committee Policy Analyst:**

Assembly Bill 161 was sponsored by Assemblyman Miller and heard in this Committee on February 23, 2023. The bill requires, upon the application of a person with autism, the Department of Motor Vehicles to place on any driver's license issued to the person a designation indicating that the person is a person with autism. The bill requires the application to include a statement from a licensed physician or an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) certifying that the applicant is a person with autism [[Exhibit E](#)].

There were three proposed amendments to this bill, and they are attached to the work session document [page 2, [Exhibit E](#)]. The first amendment is from Assemblyman Miller and the American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada, which removes references to autism and instead requires the Department, upon the application of a person, to place an indication on the driver's license or vehicle registration of the person that he or she has a communication impairment. The amendment also defines "person with a communication impairment;" removes the requirement to submit a statement from a licensed physician or an APRN with the application; and requires the disclosure of a communication impairment to be voluntary.

The second amendment was from the American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada and authorizes an applicant to opt into three options for displaying their communication impairment: (1) on their driver's license; (2) on their identification card; and/or (3) on their registration. The applicant can choose one or all three options.

The last amendment was from Assemblyman Miller and Assemblywoman Bilbray-Axelrod adding Assemblywoman Bilbray-Axelrod as a primary cosponsor.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions on the work session document for this bill?

**Assemblywoman Gallant:**

I want to be clear that there will be a choice between driver's license, identification card, or registration. Is that correct?

**Chair Watts:**

Yes. With this amendment, it would be a choice. It could be none, one, or both. The one thing we do want to make clear is people have either a driver's license or an identification card. They will not be able to get it on both a driver's license and an identification card because they do not have both. It will be whichever one they have and/or their registration. It is all completely voluntary.

Are there any other questions from members of the Committee? [There were none.] I will accept a motion to amend and do pass Assembly Bill 161.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG MADE A MOTION TO AMEND AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 161.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblyman Miller. The last bill on work session is Assembly Bill 203.

**[Assembly Bill 203](#): Revises provisions relating to special license plates. (BDR 43-118)**

**Jann Stinnesbeck, Committee Policy Analyst:**

Assembly Bill 203 was sponsored by Assemblyman Hafen, et al. and was heard in this Committee on March 7, 2023. The bill authorizes the combination of personalized prestige license plates with certain special license plates associated with military or public service. The bill exempts vehicles displaying special license plates honoring the family members of persons who were killed in the line of duty or who died as a result of injuries sustained while on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States from the payment of any parking fees charged by the State or any political subdivision or other public body within the state, other than the United States.

Lastly, the bill imposes a criminal penalty against a person who makes certain false statements on an application for the previously mentioned special license plates or a special license plate honoring the family member of a person killed in the line of duty while serving as a peace officer or who submits false, fraudulent, or misleading evidence in connection with such an application [[Exhibit F](#)].

There is one proposed amendment to the bill from Assemblyman Hafen [page 2, [Exhibit F](#)], which adds cosponsors to the bill; revises certain internal references within the bill; and changes the effective date so that the bill becomes effective on the date on which the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) notifies the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau that sufficient resources are available to enable the DMV to carry out the amendatory provisions of the bill.

**Chair Watts:**

Are there any questions on this work session document? [There were none.] I will accept a motion to amend and do pass Assembly Bill 203.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BROWN-MAY MADE A MOTION TO AMEND  
AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 203.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MARZOLA SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblyman Hafen.

That concludes our work session for today. We have one item left on our agenda and that is public comment. Anyone wishing to make public comment, please limit your remarks to two minutes. Please clearly state and spell your name for the record. Is there anyone wishing to make public comment in either Carson City or Las Vegas?

[Public comment was heard.]

**Chair Watts:**

Seeing no one else waiting to provide public comment in Carson City or Las Vegas, is there anyone wishing to make public comment by phone? [There was no one.]

That concludes our business for the day. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. We may have some additional work session items as well as some bill hearings, as bills are rolling in from the floor.

This meeting is adjourned [at 1:46 p.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Dylan Small  
Recording Secretary

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Lori McCleary  
Transcribing Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Assemblyman Howard Watts, Chair

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

## EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda.

[Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster.

[Exhibit C](#) is the Work Session Document for Assembly Bill 144, presented by Jann Stinnesbeck, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

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