

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Seventy-Third Session
March 22, 2005**

The Committee on Transportation was called to order at 1:37 p.m., on Tuesday, March 22, 2005. Chairman John Oceguela presided in Room 3143 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. [Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda. All exhibits are available and on file at the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. John Oceguela, Chairman
Ms. Genie Ohrenschall, Vice Chairwoman
Mr. Kelvin Atkinson
Mr. Chad Christensen
Mr. Jerry Claborn
Ms. Susan Gerhardt
Mr. Pete Goicoechea
Mr. Joseph Hogan
Mr. Mark Manendo
Mr. Rod Sherer

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. John Carpenter (excused)

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

Assemblyman Joe Hardy, Assembly District No. 20, Clark County (part)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marjorie Paslov Thomas, Committee Policy Analyst
Angela Flores, Committee Manager
Linda Ronnow, Committee Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jason Geddes, Ph.D., Environmental Affairs Manager, Department of
Environmental Health and Safety, University of Nevada, Reno
Sabra Smith-Newby, Legislative Lobbyist, City of Las Vegas, Las Vegas
Nevada
Karen Baggett, Deputy Director, Administrative Office of the Courts,
Supreme Court of Nevada
Frank Adams, Executive Director, Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs'
Association

Chairman Ocegura:

[Meeting called to order. Roll called]. I will open the hearing on
Assembly Bill 220.

**Assembly Bill 220: Revises provisions relating to alternative fuels.
(BDR 43-159)**

Assemblyman Hardy, Assembly District No. 20, Clark County (part):

I have brought former Assemblyman Jason Geddes to explain the technical
change in A.B. 220.

**Jason Geddes, Ph.D., Environmental Affairs Manager, Department of
Environmental Health and Safety, University of Nevada, Reno:**

We have A. B. 220 here today. It is a very simple, technical change that I would
like to explain. We are changing the words "the" to "any applicable."

When we put the flush in last session, applying the air quality standards from
the Clean Air Act of 1970, we put the gasoline standards applying to diesel
fuel. We want to change "the" to "any applicable," so that diesel emission
standards go to diesel fuel, and gasoline standards go to gas fuel. This change
makes that correction.

**Sabra Smith-Newby, Legislative Lobbyist, City of Las Vegas, Las Vegas,
Nevada:**

We are in support of A. B. 220. We have also been working in conjunction with
the Las Vegas Regional Cities [Clean] Coalition (LVRCCC) I understand that they
are developing another bill, which has yet to come to fruition, that is
BDR 43-889. We will also be in support of that bill as well.

Chairman Ocegüera:

I am closing the hearing on A. B. 220. I suppose we can entertain a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN OHRENSCHALL MOVED TO DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 220.

ASSEMBLYMAN SHERER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED (Mr. Carpenter was not present for the
vote.)

Let's open the hearing on Senate Bill 132.

**Senate Bill 132: Authorizes peace officers to issue traffic citations that are
prepared electronically. (BDR 43-520)**

**Karen Baggett, Deputy Director, Administrative Offices of the Courts, Supreme
Court of Nevada:**

Senate Bill 132 was a bill that came through the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada, and it was recommended as a BDR. We are in support of the bill and what the bill does is add the word "electronically." In the statutes right now, the word "electronically" is not in there.

I have a letter from Mr. David Hayward, who is a court administrator for the Henderson Municipal Court. He requested additional counsel to include this change.

[Karen Baggett read a letter from Mr. David Hayward]

The change is to add the word "electronically" to NRS 484.807, failure to obey. Adding the word "electronically" will allow a peace officer to issue a traffic citation manually or electronically. There are a number of companies that have developed E-Citation systems. Here in the city of Henderson we are viewing two proposals to implement this technology currently.

The goal here is that once a citation is entered electronically by the officer in the field, it can be transmitted to the police records, the courts, and the city attorney's office through electronic interface, which will save staff time, and will reduce input errors. Currently, the manual citations are being manually

entered into the police, court, and city attorney computer systems.

[Karen Baggett, continued.] Another advantage of an E-Citation system is that it allows police officers in the field to be more efficient. It takes less time to issue an E-Citation because many of the blanks on the citation can be populated electronically. The systems are compatible with the barcoding on the new driver's license issued by the DMV [Department of Motor Vehicles].

Chairman Oceguela:

They can electronically do the ticket, but do they have to give you a paper copy?

Karen Baggett:

Yes, sir. They would give you a receipt.

Assemblyman Claborn:

How do you do that; are you talking about a speeding ticket?

Karen Baggett:

Yes, sir. They are working in the city of North Las Vegas right now. Carson City is supposed to be going with it soon. They have a device that they put all the information in, it's signed, they take it back to their headquarters, and it interfaces with the computer, and then it electronically goes through and populates through our computer system. That doesn't have to be re-entered by several different people, once it goes all the way through.

Assemblyman Claborn:

Is it sent to your house? Does the officer have a minicomputer that he carries? Does he issue a ticket there or does it get mailed to you?

Karen Baggett:

Yes, sir. You receive a copy right when you are pulled over for speeding.

Chairman Oceguela:

I think it's like when you check in your car at Hertz. They type in the information and it scrolls out your receipt.

Assemblyman Hogan:

Paragraph 3 of the statute says, "a warrant may issue upon a violation of a written promise to appear." When the offender signs the ticket, that is the written promise that can be the basis for a subsequent warrant.

Karen Baggett:

Yes, sir.

Assemblyman Sherer:

When it says "traffic citation," does that also include parking tickets?

Karen Baggett:

My understanding is that parking tickets are not on this at this point in time. I will find out and get back to you.

Assemblyman Sherer:

I was wondering if we could fix it once, so you don't have to come back next session, and fix it for parking tickets also.

Karen Baggett:

Mr. Chairman, I will get you that information, and Mr. Sherer.

Assemblyman Goicoechea:

I guess, then, you are still required through this device to sign the citation?

Karen Baggett:

Yes, sir. You would sign right there when you are being pulled over by the Highway Patrolman or the officer that is giving the citation.

Assemblyman Goicoechea:

I guess all it does is get the information in quicker to the computer bank.

Assemblyman Atkinson:

Are the copies printed like UPS [United Parcel Service] and then given to the person as well, is that how it will go?

Karen Baggett:

Yes, sir. It would be just like Hertz or UPS [United Parcel Service], you sign it, a copy is printed out to you automatically, and then it is electronically populated through all these other places, so it doesn't have to be entered manually.

Assemblyman Claborn:

This seems like a pretty good system. When they file this ticket, will it automatically be researched with your main computer, to see if there are any outstanding warrants? That would eliminate them from getting on the radio and running your tag. Would this do it all at one time?

Karen Baggett:

That is the long term goal. If someone is arrested for whatever reason, they are starting off with traffic citations, and hopefully this will cover a lot of other areas having to do with courts, district attorneys, prosecutors, and only the information that is pertinent to that particular entity would be able to be pulled from our servers.

My director and several other people from the state have made nationwide presentations about this system, and other states are starting to copy some of the things that we are doing, and hopefully we will have it statewide in a reasonable amount of time.

Frank Adams, Executive Director, Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association:

I used to write handwritten tickets. We truly support this system. It's much like a Palm Pilot [personal digital assistant]. That data would be entered into that Palm Pilot, then when the officer goes back at the end of his shift, he would put that into a cradle, and then download it into the computer. It saves a lot of time on the officer's part, and a lot of time on the court's part. Eventually, we hope to get to the point where that would tie into the State Criminal History Repository, so we'd be able to tell if the person is wanted automatically. I don't see that happening right away but, I know that is the long term goal.

We support this system. There are a number of agencies now using it, my hometown Mesquite, the police department there uses it very effectively, and we are just trying to get up to speed with the NRS [*Nevada Revised Statutes*] to make it legal.

Chairman Ocegüera:

I am not going to take a motion at this time because Mr. Sherer asked for some questions to be answered, and as soon as we get those questions answered we will bring this back up. I will close the hearing on Senate Bill 132.

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned [at 1:52 p.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Linda Ronnow
Committee Attaché

APPROVED BY:

Assemblyman John Ocegüera, Chairman

DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

Committee Name: Committee on Transportation

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Bill	Exhibit	Witness / Agency	Description
	A		Agenda