

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Seventy-third Session
March 17, 2005**

The Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security was called to order by Chair Dennis Nolan at 1:33 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2005, in Room 2149 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, Room 4412, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. [Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda. [Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster. All exhibits are available and on file at the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Dennis Nolan, Chair
Senator Joe Heck, Vice Chair
Senator Michael Schneider
Senator Steven Horsford

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Maurice E. Washington
Senator Mark E. Amodei
Senator Maggie Carlton (Excused)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patrick Guinan, Committee Policy Analyst
Sherry Rodriguez, Committee Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Karen Kennard, Executive Director, State Emergency Response Commission,
Department of Public Safety

CHAIR NOLAN:

Before we begin testimony for today's hearing, I would like to note that each Committee member has been given a copy of the Department of Transportation Highway Planning and Real Property Management, 2002 Audit Report ([Exhibit C](#), original is on file at the Research Library). Senator Amodei had

requested this information in a previous hearing with respect to the annual audit on the Nevada Department of Transportation.

Also, distributed to each Committee member is the attendance list titled Transportation Board of Directors ([Exhibit D](#)) which Senator Horsford had requested.

Patrick Guinan, Committee Policy Analyst, is going to address [Assembly Bill \(A.B.\) 138](#). It is a bill this Committee heard on March 15, 2005. At the time, there was no opposition to the bill. The interested parties are seeking the ability to mount awnings on recreational vehicles. Our only concern was, does the bill allow them to extend mirrors beyond 126 inches, which could possibly create an obstruction in a travel lane.

[ASSEMBLY BILL 138](#): Revises manner in which legal maximum width of recreational vehicles is determined. (BDR 43-613)

PATRICK GUINAN (Committee Policy Analyst):

The question was whether or not the mirror exemption in section 3 would allow mirrors, awnings or other equipment to exceed the 126-inch total width of the vehicle as listed in section 5, subsection 5.

I reviewed minutes from the Assembly Committee on Transportation hearing on this bill. During that meeting, Legal Division staff was asked the same question. The Legal Division staff for that committee indicated that the mirrors will not be allowed to extend farther than 10 inches from the side of the 102-inch-width vehicle maximum. They will come well inside the 126-inch total listed in section 5, subsection 5.

SENATOR SCHNEIDER MOVED TO DO PASS [A.B. 138](#).

SENATOR HECK SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (SENATORS WASHINGTON, AMODEI AND CARLTON WERE ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

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CHAIR NOLAN:

We will open the hearing on Senate Bill (S.B.) 73.

SENATE BILL 73: Revises provisions relating to certain fees charged and collected by State Emergency Response Commission. (BDR 40-715)

KAREN KENNARD (Executive Director, State Emergency Response Commission, Department of Public Safety):

I have prepared testimony that I will read for the Committee ([Exhibit E](#)).

CHAIR NOLAN:

Are there any questions for Ms. Kennard?

VICE CHAIR HECK:

If this bill is successful, is it your intent to have a paragraph added to the *Nevada Revised Statute* (NRS) 459.744, which basically mirrors what is already there for the storage of extremely hazardous materials, putting in the individual report fee at \$500?

MS. KENNARD:

That is correct.

VICE CHAIR HECK:

Is there no intent at this time, once you get the authority, to go into regulation and increase the report fee?

MS. KENNARD:

Correct.

CHAIR NOLAN:

Just for clarification, is this fee per individual entity or per organization?

MS. KENNARD:

Per organization would be a better way. The *Nevada Administrative Code* does describe a person, which would be the facility, but it is also a parent facility. A parent company may have many facilities under it. That parent company has a maximum fee of \$15,000 for all of their facilities.

SENATOR HECK MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 73.

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SENATOR SCHNEIDER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (SENATORS WASHINGTON, AMODEI AND
CARLTON WERE ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

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CHAIR NOLAN:

We have no other business. This meeting is adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Sherry Rodriguez,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator Dennis Nolan, Chair

DATE: _____