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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 503—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

MARCH 23, 2009

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

**SUMMARY**—Creates an advisory committee to develop recommendations for the funding of highways in this State. (BDR S-954)

**FISCAL NOTE:** Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted-material~~ is material to be omitted.

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**AN ACT** relating to transportation; creating an advisory committee to develop recommendations relating to the funding of the construction and maintenance of highways in this State; providing for the membership, compensation and duties of the advisory committee; authorizing the advisory committee to place advisory questions regarding its recommendations on the ballot for the general election to be held in 2010; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 This bill creates an advisory committee to develop recommendations for  
2 increasing funding for highways in this State. The committee consists of six  
3 members, three appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate and three appointed  
4 by the Speaker of the Assembly. Not more than one member of the committee may  
5 be a member of the Senate, and not more than one member may be a member of the  
6 Assembly. The advisory committee: (1) is charged with developing  
7 recommendations relating to the funding of the construction and maintenance of  
8 highways in this State; and (2) is authorized to ask the voters of the State for their  
9 advice on those recommendations by placing advisory questions on the ballot for  
10 the general election to be held in 2010.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1       **Section 1.** As used in this act, “advisory committee” means  
2 the advisory committee created by subsection 1 of section 2 of this  
3 act.

4       **Sec. 2.** 1. There is hereby created an advisory committee to  
5 develop recommendations for increasing the funding of highways in  
6 this State.

7       2. The advisory committee consists of six members appointed  
8 as follows:

9       (a) Three members appointed by the Majority Leader of the  
10 Senate; and

11       (b) Three members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

12       3. Not more than one member of the advisory committee may  
13 be a member of the Senate, and not more than one member of the  
14 advisory committee may be a member of the Assembly.

15       4. The term of each member of the advisory committee  
16 commences on July 1, 2009, and expires on June 30, 2011.

17       5. Members of the advisory committee serve without  
18 compensation, except that while engaged in the business of the  
19 advisory committee, each member is entitled to the per diem  
20 allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and  
21 employees generally, to be paid from the Legislative Fund.

22       6. The advisory committee shall meet at least once every 3  
23 months.

24       7. At its first meeting, the advisory committee shall elect a  
25 Chairman and a Vice Chairman from among its members.

26       8. A vacancy in the membership of the advisory committee  
27 must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

28       **Sec. 3.** The advisory committee shall develop  
29 recommendations relating to increasing the funding of the  
30 construction and maintenance of highways in this State.

31       **Sec. 4.** 1. The advisory committee may, at the general  
32 election held in 2010, ask the advice of the registered voters of the  
33 State on any question regarding the recommendations developed by  
34 the committee pursuant to section 3 of this act.

35       2. To place an advisory question on the ballot at the general  
36 election held in 2010, the advisory committee shall, not less than  
37 120 days before the general election, submit to the Secretary of  
38 State a resolution that:

39       (a) Sets forth:

40           (1) Each question, in language indicating clearly that the  
41 question is advisory only;

42           (2) An explanation of the question;



- 1           (3) Arguments for and against the question; and  
2           (4) A description of the anticipated financial effect on the  
3 State; and  
4           (b) Provides that the result of the voting on the question does not  
5 impose any legal requirement on the Legislature, any member of the  
6 Legislature or any other officer of the State.  
7           3. If the advisory committee places an advisory question on the  
8 ballot pursuant to this section, on the sample ballot for the election,  
9 the advisory question must appear:  
10          (a) With a title in substantially the following form: "Advisory  
11 Ballot Question No. ..."; and  
12          (b) With its explanation, arguments and description of the  
13 anticipated financial effect.  
14          **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

