

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**Seventy-Seventh Session  
May 6, 2013**

The Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chair Maggie Carlton at 6:01 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2013, in Room 3137 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, 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 [nelis.leg.state.nv.us/77th2013](http://nelis.leg.state.nv.us/77th2013). In addition, copies of the audio record may be purchased through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (email: [publications@lcb.state.nv.us](mailto:publications@lcb.state.nv.us); telephone: 775-684-6835).

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton, Chair  
Assemblyman William C. Horne, Vice Chair  
Assemblyman Paul Aizley  
Assemblyman Paul Anderson  
Assemblyman Andy Eisen  
Assemblywoman Lucy Flores  
Assemblyman Tom Grady  
Assemblyman John Hambrick  
Assemblyman Crescent Hardy  
Assemblyman Pat Hickey  
Assemblyman Joseph M. Hogan  
Assemblywoman Marilyn K. Kirkpatrick  
Assemblyman Randy Kirner  
Assemblyman Michael Sprinkle

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Assemblyman David P. Bobzien

**GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:**

Assemblywoman Irene Bustamante Adams, Clark County  
Assembly District 42

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**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst  
Michael J. Chapman, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst  
Janice Wright, Committee Secretary  
Cynthia Wyett, Committee Assistant

Chair Carlton polled the audience about who was present for the work session bills or the bills listed on the agenda to be heard by the Committee. She asked for a show of hands for those present for Assembly Bill 20 (1st Reprint), Assembly Bill 24 (1st Reprint), and Assembly Bill 151. She decided to begin with the work session because most of the audience was present for the work session bills. She explained that Assembly Bill 461 would be held because Assemblyman Bobzien asked for additional time to work on some amendments. The bills listed on the work session agenda had been heard previously by the Committee, and the work session would not take long to complete.

Chair Carlton explained the Committee would no longer be able to provide work session schedules after this meeting. The Legislature was nearing the end of its session, and preparation of a work session schedule two or three days before a hearing was difficult. When bills were ready to be heard, she would post a list on the Committee room door and send out information to inform persons of the work session bills. She opened the work session hearing on Assembly Bill 448.

**Assembly Bill 448: Revises certain provisions concerning the state militia.  
(BDR 36-1142)**

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, explained that Assembly Bill 448 revised certain provisions concerning the state militia. The bill was originally heard by the Committee on April 22, 2013. Jennifer McEntee, Administrative Services Officer 2, Office of the Adjutant General, Office of the Military, had presented testimony on behalf of the Office of the Military.

Ms. Jones stated A.B. 448 related to the state militia, authorizing the Adjutant General to accept certain property, revising certain provisions relating to the collection of rents and the use of the military armories, and allowing for the use of funds received to make repairs and construct facilities. The bill also addressed the authorized uses of funds for the Patriot Relief Account and changed provisions regarding uniforms. This measure had a minor fiscal effect on the budget relating to the receipt and use of funds that had been reflected in

the agency's budget. The bill shifted the receipt of funds from the individual armory accounts to the Adjutant General's Special Armory Account. The agency's budget was closed by the Assembly Subcommittee on Public Safety, Natural Resources, and Transportation on April 30, 2013. The agency offered an amendment on April 23, 2013, that deleted some of the language in section 6 of A.B. 448.

Jennifer McEntee, Administrative Services Officer 2, Office of the Adjutant General, Office of the Military, testified that the intent of the bill was to change the armory accounting. Funds would be deposited in the Adjutant General's Special Armory Account rather than the individual armory accounts. The revised language changing the deposits was incorrectly applied to section 6 that addressed the long-term rentals. The existing language of the *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) was correct and needed no change. Ms. McEntee presented [Exhibit C](#) and requested A.B. 448 be amended to remove the changes proposed to the language in section 6 and retain the original language in NRS.

In response to a question from Chair Carlton, Ms. McEntee replied that [Exhibit C](#) showed the amendments requested by the agency. The language shown in purple should be deleted. The orange language was the current language that accurately accounted for the long-term rentals and required rental fees to be deposited to the State General Fund for credit to the Office.

Chair Carlton asked whether the Committee had any questions or comments on the bill.

ASSEMBLYMAN KIRNER MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS  
ASSEMBLY BILL 448.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KIRKPATRICK SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblyman Bobzien was not present for the vote.)

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**Assembly Bill 462: Appropriates to and authorizes the expenditure of money by the Desert Regional Center within the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services of the Department of Health and Human Services for a new computer system for medical records, provider invoices, and claims processing. (BDR S-1179)**

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, explained that Assembly Bill 462 was originally heard by the Committee on April 8, 2013. The bill appropriated funds to and authorized expenditures of money by the Desert Regional Center within the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services of the Department of Health and Human Services for a new computer system for medical records, provider invoices, and claims processing capabilities. Assembly Bill 462 was a budget bill submitted by the Department of Administration that provided for a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$938,119 over the 2013-2015 biennium. The bill authorized \$579,591 in expenditures to develop a new medical records system for the developmental services program of the Department of Health and Human Services. The system would include intake eligibility, authorization, case management, invoice and billing, reporting of serious accidents, and Medicaid home- and community-based waivers.

Ms. Jones explained that the agency projected a starting date of July 1, 2015, for the system. In addition to the initial costs, the developmental services program estimated the annual licensing and maintenance fees would total \$457,625 per year. The agency specified the system would contain consumer's sensitive health information and must adhere to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 privacy and security rules and state encryption requirements. The agency indicated the new system would increase federal Medicaid revenues by \$1.3 million each year, beginning in fiscal year (FY) 2016, because of fewer denied claims and by \$688,000 because of better management and use of Medicaid waiver slots. The agency projected it would realize nearly \$300,000 in cost savings each year by not adding six new employees. The agency expected the system to be a vendor-hosted system outside of Nevada with all data residing with that vendor. Assembly Bill 462 was effective upon passage and approval, which was similar to how all one-shot appropriations were processed.

In response to a question from Chair Carlton, Ms. Jones replied that the data would remain inside the United States, but the data would be located outside the State of Nevada. The bill had no proposed amendments.

Chair Carlton asked whether the Committee had any questions or comments on the bill.

ASSEMBLYMAN EISEN MOVED TO DO PASS  
ASSEMBLY BILL 462.

ASSEMBLYMAN KIRNER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblyman Bobzien was not present for the vote.)

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**Assembly Bill 465: Creates the General Services Division in the Department of Public Safety. (BDR 43-1150)**

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, explained that Assembly Bill 465 created the General Services Division in the Department of Public Safety. This bill was originally heard by the Committee on April 15, 2013. The bill reorganized the Department of Public Safety to create the General Services Division within the Department and reflect the decisions of The Executive Budget. The budget changes associated with this proposal were approved by the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety, Natural Resources and Transportation on April 30, 2013. There were no proposed amendments.

In response to a question from Chair Carlton, Ms. Jones replied A.B. 465 was submitted by the Department of Administration to reflect the budget decisions, and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety, Natural Resources and Transportation approved the establishment of the General Services Division.

Chair Carlton asked whether the Committee had any questions or comments on the bill.

ASSEMBLYMAN HAMBRICK MOVED TO DO PASS  
ASSEMBLY BILL 465.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KIRKPATRICK SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblyman Bobzien was not present for the vote.)

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**Assembly Bill 467: Makes an appropriation to the Division of State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to replace public safety equipment and worn and obsolete equipment. (BDR S-1185)**

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, explained that Assembly Bill 467 was originally heard by the Committee on April 8, 2013. The bill made an appropriation to the Division of State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to replace public safety and worn and obsolete equipment. The bill provided a one-shot appropriation included in the Governor's recommended budget for the 2013-2015 biennium. The Executive Budget included \$233,251 for replacement of public safety equipment. On March 22, 2013, the Department of Administration submitted an amendment before the bill introduction, increasing the request for new equipment inadvertently excluded from the budget. The revised total appropriation in the bill was \$371,023. The agency testimony confirmed that the requested appropriation would be used for new and replacement equipment. Therefore, the Fiscal staff recommended a minor amendment to the bill in section 1 of the bill to reflect that the appropriation may be used for new as well as replacement equipment if the measure was approved by the Legislature. Fiscal staff reviewed this request and believed it was reasonable.

Chair Carlton directed the Committee to look at section 1, line 4 of the bill that included the language, "replacement of public safety equipment and equipment that is worn and obsolete." The words "new and" would be added before the words "worn and obsolete."

In response to a question from Assemblyman Kirner, Ms. Jones replied that there were some funds that were not included in The Executive Budget. A budget amendment was submitted to increase the amount of the allocation. The amendment was received before the production of the bill, and that was why the bill was not amended for the revised amount.

ASSEMBLYMAN KIRNER MOVED AMEND AND DO PASS  
ASSEMBLY BILL 467.

ASSEMBLYMAN HOGAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblyman Bobzien was not present for the vote.)

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**Assembly Bill 468: Makes an appropriation to the Department of Corrections for an upgrade to and end-user training for the Nevada Offender Tracking Information System. (BDR S-1182)**

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau explained that Assembly Bill 468 was originally heard by the Committee on April 8, 2013. As recommended in The Executive Budget, the bill made an appropriation to the Department of Corrections for an upgrade to and end-user training for the Nevada Offender Tracking Information System. The agency testified that the current version of this system was purchased in 2005 and was in need of replacement. There were no proposed amendments.

Chair Carlton asked whether the Committee had any questions or comments on this bill.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY MOVED TO DO PASS  
ASSEMBLY BILL 468.

ASSEMBLYMAN HORNE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblyman Bobzien was not present for the vote.)

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**Assembly Bill 469: Makes appropriations to the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the replacement and maintenance of emergency response, firefighting and other critical equipment and vehicles. (BDR S-1186)**

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau explained that Assembly Bill 469 was originally heard by the Committee on April 8, 2013. The bill made an appropriation to the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the replacement and maintenance of emergency response, firefighting, and other critical equipment and vehicles. The Governor's recommended budget included a one-shot appropriation to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources of \$1,311,065 for the replacement and maintenance of emergency response and firefighting equipment and vehicles. The bill included an appropriation of \$2,559,766 for the conservation camps of the Division of Forestry, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for replacement of

critical equipment and vehicles, including equipment and vehicles used to respond to natural disasters and to move crews quickly out of dangerous situations. There were no amendments to this bill.

Chair Carlton said A.B. 469 included the crew carriers and other vehicles and equipment. She asked whether the Committee had any questions or comments on this bill.

ASSEMBLYMAN SPRINKLE MOVED TO DO PASS  
ASSEMBLY BILL 469.

ASSEMBLYMAN AIZLEY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblyman Bobzien was not present for the vote.)

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**Assembly Bill 472: Increases the maximum amount of the fee that the Director of the Department of Public Safety was required to establish for the Program for the Education of Motorcycle Riders. (BDR 43-1152)**

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, explained that Assembly Bill 472 increased the maximum amount of the fee that the Director of the Department of Public Safety was required to establish for the Program for the Education of Motorcycles Riders. The bill was originally heard by the Committee on April 10, 2013. Assembly Bill 472 reflected a budget proposal to increase the maximum fee for the Program for the Education of Motorcycles Riders from \$100 to \$150. The bill was submitted by the Department of Administration to put into effect decision unit Enhancement (E) 225 in budget account (BA) 4691, Motorcycle Safety Program. She noted that Assembly Bill 256 (1st Reprint) also included a provision to increase the maximum fee from \$100 to \$150. Assembly Bill 256 (R1) related to motorcycles and was referred to the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means. No amendments were proposed, and the fee increase was included in The Executive Budget.

Chair Carlton asked whether the Committee had any questions or comments on this bill.

ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY MOVED TO DO PASS  
ASSEMBLY BILL 472.



ASSEMBLYMAN EISEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblyman Bobzien was not present for the vote.)

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**Assembly Bill 477: Makes an appropriation to the Office of the State Controller to replace computer servers for the statewide financial system. (BDR S-1176)**

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau explained that Assembly Bill 477 was originally heard by the Committee on April 8, 2013. The bill made an appropriation to the Office to the State Controller to replace computer servers for the statewide financial system. A one-shot appropriation of \$470,397 was included in The Executive Budget for the Office of the State Controller to replace two computer servers and tape drives for the state financial system. The Office of the State Controller indicated the current financial system server would be moved to support disaster recovery efforts and extend the disaster recovery solution to include the data warehouse and Vista reports. The one-shot appropriation did not duplicate any requests in the Division of Enterprise Information Technology Services (EITS), Department of Administration account. During the budget hearings, the Office of the State Controller indicated the Office had worked with EITS to review options to purchase replacement servers, including using servers that EITS no longer needed. However, it was determined that the servers EITS had available were not the right size for the needs of the Office of the State Controller. Therefore, using EITS equipment would not be cost effective and replacement was the preferred alternative. No amendments were proposed for A.B. 477.

Chair Carlton asked whether the Committee had any questions or comments.

ASSEMBLYMAN AIZLEY MOVED TO DO PASS  
ASSEMBLY BILL 477.

ASSEMBLYMAN SPRINKLE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblyman Bobzien was not present for the vote.)

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**Assembly Bill 481: Authorizes the Division of State Library and Archives of the Department of Administration to retain money received for providing certain services to local governments. (BDR 19-1134)**

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau explained that Assembly Bill 481 was originally heard by the Committee on April 3, 2013. The bill authorized the Division of State Library and Archives of the Department of Administration to retain money received for providing certain services to local governments. This bill enacted a proposal in The Executive Budget to create an imaging and preservation services equipment software budget account [1053] that accumulated reserves for equipment replacement for the program. The bill allowed the program to transfer revenue earned for performing work for local governments to this new account for the purchase of software and equipment. The decision unit associated with this account was Enhancement (E) 250 in budget account (BA) 1052, and the creation of BA 1053 was approved by the Assembly Subcommittee on General Government on April 11, 2013. No amendments were proposed.

Chair Carlton asked whether the Committee had any questions or comments on the bill.

ASSEMBLYMAN KIRNER MOVED TO DO PASS  
ASSEMBLY BILL 481.

ASSEMBLYMAN AIZLEY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblyman Bobzien was not present for the vote.)

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**Assembly Bill 482: Imposes a temporary assessment on certain employers for interest payments due on advances made by the Federal Government relating to unemployment benefits. (BDR 53-1166)**

Cindy Jones, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, explained that Assembly Bill 482 imposed a temporary assessment on certain employers for interest payments due on advances made by the federal government relating to unemployment benefits. This bill was originally heard by the Committee on April 10, 2013. The Department of Administration submitted this budget bill to allow the Administrator of the Employment Security Division, Department of Employment,

Training and Rehabilitation to establish a special assessment on employers. The assessment would be used to pay accrued interest on advances made to the Unemployment Compensation Fund for the payment of benefits.

Ms. Jones explained the Employment Security Division, Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation submitted an amendment ([Exhibit D](#)) on April 16, 2013, to eliminate the reference in section 1 of A.B. 482 that allowed the use of the funds generated by this assessment for the payment of special revenue bonds issued for the purpose of refinancing the advances. The agency indicated the language regarding interest costs associated with refinancing advances would be addressed in a separate measure. The requested amendment also removed the requirement for the Administrator to consult with the Employment Security Council regarding the establishment of the interest assessment. The agency did not indicate why the language regarding consultation with the Employment Security Council was deleted in regard to establishing the assessments on the advances.

In response to a question from Chair Carlton, Frank Woodbeck, Director, Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, replied that he would ask Renee Olson, Administrator, Employment Security Division, Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation to answer the question.

Renee Olson, Administrator, Employment Security Division, Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, asked to revise the amendment to read, "advise the Employment Security Council of the assessment." It took considerable time to calculate the formula to create the interest assessment. The Employment Security Council had no discretion in the amount of the interest assessment because the interest assessment was calculated by an exact formula.

In response to a question from Assemblywoman Kirkpatrick, Ms. Olson replied that another bill in the final stages of being drafted would incorporate the bond debt servicing provisions needed to accommodate the assessments in A.B. 482, and the two issues were separate matters.

Chair Carlton asked whether the Committee had any other questions or comments on this bill.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN KIRKPATRICK MOVED TO AMEND AND DO  
PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 482.

ASSEMBLYMAN HAMBRICK SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblyman Horne voted no.  
Assemblyman Bobzien was not present for the vote.)

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Chair Carlton said that the Committee had finished its work session would begin to hear the bills listed on the agenda. She opened the hearing on Assembly Bill 20 (1st Reprint).

**Assembly Bill 20 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions governing agriculture.  
(BDR 50-321)**

Jim R. Barbee, Director, State Department of Agriculture, testified that Assembly Bill 20 (1st Reprint) was part of the reorganization efforts of the Department. He submitted Exhibit E that summarized the changes in the bill. Assembly Bill 20 (R1) was not a substantive policy bill but was a clean-up bill. Section 6 addressed the fiscal problem by adding costs of performing work directed by chapter 565 of the *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) [Inspection of Brands] as an allowable use for fees collected pursuant to NRS 561.344. The Department was allowed to collect fees for brand inspections; however the Department was not allowed to expend those fees to pay the brand inspectors for completing the brand inspections. This fiscal problem had existed for the last 50 years, and the Department wanted to solve it.

Mr. Barbee said the proposed language in section 7 of the bill was requested to fix a similar problem. The Department wanted to use proceeds from chapter 555 of the NRS [Control of Insects, Pests and Noxious Weeds] and chapter 561 of the NRS [State Department of Agriculture] to pay for pest control work authorized in chapter 552 [Bees and Apiaries], chapter 554 [Quarantines of Agricultural Commodities], and chapter 587 [Agricultural Products and Seeds] of the NRS. The bill would align the work of monitoring for pest control problems.

In section 10 of the bill, the Department moved the livestock head tax from chapter 571 of the NRS [Diseased Animals] to chapter 575 of the NRS [Miscellaneous Provisions; Collection of Taxes]. Section 10 did not change the livestock head tax amount, which was addressed in Senate Bill 465. Sections 15 through 25 addressed the "primary principals" and "principals" policies for the pest control licensing programs. A "primary principal" was defined as the daily supervisor of each category of pest control provided by a business. A "principal" was defined as the owner or officer of a pest control business who qualified by examination in one or more categories of pest control. The bill allowed the pest control business to use one primary principal for all of the

different pest control business locations. All locations would be able to report through one primary principal. The bill also allowed more time to obtain a license than the current 30 days, because it took more than 30 days to get a license. Section 23 changed the minimum required liability insurance for a pest control business from \$10,000 to \$50,000. The Department was informed that insurance companies would not write a liability insurance policy for less than \$50,000 for a pest control business.

Chair Carlton expressed concerns about having the primary principal oversee operations of all locations of a pest control business. She said this was a material change in policy. The primary principal oversight of multiple business locations was a concept that had failed to receive approval several times during prior legislative sessions, and she was surprised to see that concept proposed in the reorganization bill. Chair Carlton explained her concerns that without a primary principal on site there may be problems with pest control businesses. She wondered how many locations one primary principal would be allowed to supervise.

Mr. Barbee replied he understood that there was no limit to the number of locations a primary principal could supervise. A primary principal could be the principal with oversight responsibilities over the local sites, but a principal could see the overarching business concerns in Nevada.

In response to a question from Chair Carlton, Mr. Barbee replied a pest control business could have one primary principal for the entire state. He understood that surrounding states had a similar policy, and the change would bring Nevada into alignment with surrounding states.

Chair Carlton recalled the discussions and contentious opposition to the primary principal concept.

Mr. Barbee was unaware of the contentious nature of the primary principal concept. His intention was not to slip this change past the Committee in the reorganization bill. He agreed to pull the offending sections to allow the remainder of the bill to be processed.

Chair Carlton said A.B. 20 (R1) was a policy bill and should be sent to the policy committee to debate the change. Chair Carlton stated that if the Committee could gain a better level of comfort with this bill, it may be able to process the bill. She did not want to delay this bill, but she would be more comfortable processing it without sections 17 and 18 to 24.

Mr. Barbee replied that sections 16 through 25 could be deleted, but sections 23 and 24 that addressed the liability aspects should remain. Section 25 was more related to the time for a pest control business to get the license.

Chair Carlton recommended the Committee consider removing the primary principal provisions and allow the debate to occur in the policy committee.

Assemblyman Anderson said he was present during the hearing of the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining, which heard that portion of the bill in depth. There was no opposition to the bill, and the Committee heard many details about the process. The provisions of the bill allowed some businesses to expand beyond a single location to serve all of Las Vegas or all of some rural counties. It seemed like a good idea, and the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining approved the bill.

Chair Carlton said A.B. 20 (R1) was approved by the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining, therefore she would apprehensively retain sections 16 through 25 of the bill.

Assemblywoman Kirkpatrick wondered whether there was a way to pass A.B. 20 (R1) but place it on the Chief Clerk's desk to allow time for the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining to study the suggested changes.

Chair Carlton said she would keep working on A.B. 20 (R1) because it must be processed to enact the budget. The primary principal policy was a problem. She would allow the bill to move forward. The bill was approved by the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining, and she did not want to override the policy decisions of that Committee. She withdrew her proposal for an amendment. She was concerned that there could be a problem if something went wrong in a pest control business and the workers were in Reno and the principal was in Las Vegas.

Hearing no response to her request for testimony in support of or in opposition to the bill, Chair Carlton called for public testimony. There being no public testimony, she closed the hearing on A.B. 20 (R1) and opened the hearing on Assembly Bill 24 (1st Reprint).

**Assembly Bill 24 (1st Reprint): Makes various changes to provisions relating to license plates. (BDR 43-367)**

Rhonda Bavaro, Deputy Director, Department of Motor Vehicles, testified Assembly Bill 24 (1st Reprint) provided for the limited issuance of special license plates to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Nevada's admission into the Union, commonly known as the sesquicentennial celebration. She showed the Committee a copy of the license plate that would be produced. The plate was a limited-issue plate with an ending date no later than October 16, 2016. The initial fee for the license plate would be \$32.50, and the renewal fee would be \$20. The Nevada Cultural Affairs Foundation would receive \$25 of the additional \$32.50 fee and the entire \$20 annual renewal fee. She submitted a revised fiscal note, Exhibit F, which showed the revisions. The Assembly Committee on Transportation changed the renewal fee from \$10 to \$20 to make it consistent with all the other charitable organization fees. The Nevada Cultural Affairs Foundation could use the proceeds for projects commemorating Nevada's 150th anniversary. Examples of those projects included historical markers, improvements and restorations of historical buildings, and education about the state's history. Assembly Bill 24 (R1) would allow the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles flexibility in formatting all license plates. The current statutes required specific sequencing for license plates, whether it was three letters and three numbers or the name of the plate followed by three or four letters. The Department was running out of combinations to use for the plates. This revision would allow the agency to change the formatting as required.

Chair Carlton asked whether the Committee had any questions or comments on the bill.

Hearing no response to her request for testimony in support of or in opposition to the bill, Chair Carlton called for public testimony. There being no public testimony, she closed the hearing on A.B. 24 (R1) and opened the hearing on Assembly Bill 151.

**Assembly Bill 151: Provides for the establishment of goals for the participation of disadvantaged business enterprises and local emerging small businesses in contracts with the Department of Transportation. (BDR 35-776)**

Assemblywoman Irene Bustamante Adams, Clark County Assembly District 42, testified a constituent in her district requested Assembly Bill 151. Assemblywoman Bustamante Adams worked on the concept of this bill during

the interim with small businesses and the Department of Transportation (NDOT). In 2007, NDOT completed a disparity study that showed disadvantaged businesses encountered barriers to entry into state transportation contracts. Assembly Bill 151 proposed to match the state contract requirements to existing federal regulations for the participation of disadvantaged businesses. A qualified business must have the right expertise and complete the certification process to be considered for a state contract under this provision.

Chair Carlton asked whether the original fiscal note included adding one staff position and wondered whether the fiscal note had been revised.

Assemblywoman Bustamante Adams confirmed that the one new staff position was no longer requested by NDOT. The workload could be absorbed by the Department, and there would be no fiscal effect from this bill.

Yvonne Schuman, Civil Rights Officer, Department of Transportation, presented Exhibit G, the revised fiscal note showing no effect from the bill, and testified that she would answer any questions.

Assemblyman Hogan stated that NDOT had been progressive during the last year by employing minorities and women and contracting with minority businesses. The Department had been responsive to all the suggestions made by legislators and minority organizations.

Hearing no response to her request for testimony in support of or in opposition to the bill, Chair Carlton called for public testimony. There being no public testimony, she closed the hearing on A.B. 151.

Chair Carlton said the Committee would move to a work session to consider Assembly Bill 24 (1st Reprint). She asked whether the Committee had any questions or comments on A.B. 24 (R1).

ASSEMBLYMAN KIRNER MOVED TO DO PASS AS AMENDED  
ASSEMBLY BILL 24 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYMAN HORNE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblyman Bobzien was not present for the vote.)

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Chair Carlton called for public testimony and there was none. There being no further business before the Committee, she adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Janice Wright  
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton, Chair

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

**EXHIBITS**

**Committee Name:** Committee on Ways and Means

**Date:** May 6, 2013

**Time of Meeting:** 6:01 p.m.

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Witness / Agency</b>	<b>Description</b>
	A		Agenda
	B		Attendance Roster
A.B. 448	C	Jennifer McEntee, Administrative Services Officer 2, Office of the Adjutant General, Office of the Military	Office of the Military Proposed Amendment
A.B. 482	D	Renee Olson, Administrator, Employment Security Division, Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation	Proposed amendment to <u>A.B. 482</u>
A.B. 20 (R1)	E	Jim R. Barbee, Director, State Department of Agriculture	Testimony on <u>A.B. 20 (R1)</u>
A.B. 24 (R1)	F	Rhonda Bavaro, Deputy Director, Department of Motor Vehicles	Revised Fiscal Note on <u>A.B. 24 (R1)</u>
A.B. 151	G	Yvonne Schuman, Civil Rights Officer, Department of Transportation	Revised Fiscal Note on <u>A.B. 151</u>