

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 423—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

MARCH 20, 2015

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Provides for a study on transportation infrastructure and funding. (BDR S-1074)

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.

AN ACT relating to legislative affairs; creating the Legislative Committee on Transportation Infrastructure and Funding; setting forth the composition and administration of the Committee; prescribing the powers and duties of the Committee; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 **Section 2** of this bill creates the Legislative Committee on Transportation
2 Infrastructure and Funding and provides for the appointment of its membership.
3 **Section 3** of this bill prescribes the manner in which meetings must be conducted
4 by the Committee and provides for the compensation of its members. **Section 4** of
5 this bill prescribes the duties of the Committee, including the evaluation and review
6 of transportation infrastructure and funding in this State, and authorizes the
7 Committee to conduct investigations and hold hearings.

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

1 **Section 1.** As used in sections 1 to 4, inclusive, of this act,
2 unless the context otherwise requires, "Committee" means the
3 Legislative Committee on Transportation Infrastructure and
4 Funding, created by section 3 of this act.

5 **Sec. 2.** 1. The Legislative Committee on Transportation
6 Infrastructure and Funding, consisting of six members is hereby
7 created. The membership of the Committee consists of:



(a) Two members appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate;

(b) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly;

(c) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; and

(d) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly.

2. The Legislative Commission shall review and approve the budget and work program for the Committee and any changes to the budget or work program.

3. The Legislative Commission shall select the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee from among the members of the Committee. Each Chair and Vice Chair holds office for a term of 2 years commencing on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. The office of Chair of the Committee must alternate each biennium between the Houses. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Chair or Vice Chair, the vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original selection for the remainder of the unexpired term.

4. A member of the Committee who is not a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection continues to serve after the general election until the next regular or special session convenes.

5. A vacancy on the Committee must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Sec. 3. 1. Except as otherwise ordered by the Legislative Commission, the members of the Committee shall meet at times and places specified by a call of the Chair or a majority of the Committee.

2. The Director or the designee of the Director shall act as the nonvoting recording Secretary of the Committee.

3. Four members of the Committee constitute a quorum, and a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred upon the Committee.

4. Except during a regular or special session, for each day or portion of a day during which a member of the Committee attends a meeting of the Committee or is otherwise engaged in the business of the Committee, the member is entitled to receive the:

(a) Compensation provided for a majority of the Legislators during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session;

(b) Per diem allowance provided for state officers and employees generally; and

(c) Travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.

5. All such compensation, per diem allowances and travel expenses must be paid from the Legislative Fund.



Sec. 4. 1. The Committee shall:

(a) Review and evaluate the mechanisms to pay for transportation projects and transportation infrastructure in this State;

(b) Review the condition of the transportation infrastructure in this State and the need for money to maintain and improve it;

(c) Consult with and solicit input from persons and organizations with expertise in best practices regarding paying for transportation projects and transportation infrastructure;

(d) Review options for sustaining the federal Highway Trust Fund and funds within this State that are instrumental in paying for projects of transportation;

(e) Work with the Congressional delegation of this State to ensure the ability to pay for projects of transportation on a long-term basis; and

(f) On or before January 15 of each odd-numbered year, submit to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the next regular session of the Nevada Legislature a report on the activities and findings of the Committee, including, without limitation, recommendations for legislation.

2. The Committee may:

(a) Conduct investigations and hold hearings in connection with its duties pursuant to this section and exercise any of the investigative powers set forth in NRS 218E.105 to 218E.140, inclusive;

(b) Request that the Legislative Counsel Bureau assist in the research, investigations, hearings and reviews of the Committee; and

(c) Take all other actions and review and comment upon matters that, in the determination of the Committee, concern transportation infrastructure and funding in this State.

3. Any recommendations for legislation proposed by the Committee pursuant to paragraph (f) of subsection 1 must be approved by a majority of the members of the Senate and a majority of the members of the Assembly appointed to the Committee.

Sec. 5. The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

Sec. 6. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

