

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Eighty-First Session
March 23, 2021**

The Committee on Growth and Infrastructure was called to order by Chair Daniele Monroe-Moreno at 1:33 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, Online. 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 www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblywoman Daniele Monroe-Moreno, Chair
Assemblyman Howard Watts, Vice Chair
Assemblywoman Tracy Brown-May
Assemblyman John Ellison
Assemblyman Glen Leavitt
Assemblyman C.H. Miller
Assemblywoman Sarah Peters
Assemblyman Tom Roberts
Assemblywoman Shondra Summers-Armstrong
Assemblyman Jim Wheeler
Assemblyman Steve Yeager

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Katie Siemon, Committee Policy Analyst
Devon Kajatt, Committee Manager
Lori McCleary, Committee Secretary
Trinity Thom, Committee Assistant



OTHERS PRESENT:

None

Chair Monroe-Moreno:

[Roll was called. Committee rules and protocol were explained.] Today we have a work session on two bills. I will open the work session for Assembly Bill 54.

Assembly Bill 54: Creates the Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety within the Department of Transportation. (BDR 35-350)

Katie Siemon, Committee Policy Analyst:

Assembly Bill 54 was first heard in this Committee on February 25, 2021, and was presented by members of the Department of Transportation. Assembly Bill 54 creates the Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety within the Department of Transportation to review, study, and make recommendations on: (1) best practices for reducing deaths and injuries related to motor vehicle crashes; (2) data on motor vehicle crashes resulting in death or serious bodily injury; and (3) other submitted matters. The bill sets forth committee membership; authorizes the establishment of working groups, task forces, and similar entities as necessary; and requires an annual report on its work to be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature [[Exhibit C](#)].

There is one conceptual amendment submitted by the Department of Transportation [page 2, [Exhibit C](#)]. This amendment revises committee membership. One fiscal note has been received from the Department of Transportation and it shows no fiscal impact.

[[Exhibit D](#)] was submitted by the Department of Transportation.

Chair Monroe-Moreno:

Members, do you have any questions on this measure? I know there were a few questions at the hearing regarding the makeup of the committee. [There were none.] The amendment is attached to the work session document [page 2, [Exhibit C](#)]. I hope you have all had a chance to review it. Seeing no questions, I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass Assembly Bill 54.

ASSEMBLYMAN ROBERTS MADE A MOTION TO AMEND AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 54.

ASSEMBLYMAN MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblyman Miller. I will close the work session on Assembly Bill 54 and open the work session for Assembly Bill 118.

Assembly Bill 118: Revises provisions relating to the transportation of children in motor vehicles. (BDR 43-209)

Katie Siemon, Committee Policy Analyst:

Assembly Bill 118 was heard in this Committee on March 2, 2021, and was presented by Assemblywoman Bilbray-Axelrod and other interested members of the community. Assembly Bill 118 expands the use of child restraints for children transported in motor vehicles to those children who are under 8 years of age and under 57 inches tall, and it removes the weight requirement from statute.

Additionally, the bill requires children who are at least 8 years of age but less than 13 years of age, to be secured in a safety belt in the back seat unless any air bag on the passenger's side of the front seat is deactivated and: (1) special health care needs of the child require the child to ride in the front seat and a written statement signed by a physician certifying the requirement is carried in the motor vehicle; (2) all back seats are in use by other children who are less than 13 years of age; or (3) the motor vehicle is not equipped with back seats. The bill makes it a primary offense for a driver to fail to secure a child with a safety belt in a vehicle if required, and it allows the parent or guardian of an unsecured child to also be cited if they are riding in the same vehicle as a passenger [[Exhibit E](#)].

There is one conceptual amendment [page 2, [Exhibit E](#)] proposed by the bill's sponsor to require children less than 2 years of age to be secured in a rear-facing child restraint system in the back seat of the motor vehicle. I will note, that is actually existing law and the amendment does require the disclosure of state law to persons when they are renting a motor vehicle. There is no associated fiscal note with this measure.

Chair Monroe-Moreno:

Members, is there any discussion on this measure? [There was none.] I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass Assembly Bill 118.

ASSEMBLYMAN WATTS MADE A MOTION TO AMEND AND DO
PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 118.

ASSEMBLYMAN LEAVITT SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Summers-Armstrong. I will close the work session for Assembly Bill 118.

That brings us to the last item on today's agenda, public comment. Are there any callers waiting on the phone to testify in public comment? [There were none.]

That will conclude today's meeting. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. This meeting is adjourned [at 1:43 p.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Lori McCleary
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Assemblywoman Daniele Monroe-Moreno, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda.

[Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster.

[Exhibit C](#) is the Work Session Document for Assembly Bill 54, submitted and presented by Katie Siemon, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit D](#) is a document titled "Purpose of NECTS vs NVACTS Membership Charts," dated March 18, 2021, submitted by Ryan McInerney, Director, Communications Division, Department of Transportation.

[Exhibit E](#) is the Work Session Document for Assembly Bill 118, submitted and presented by Katie Siemon, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.