

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Eighty-First Session
May 28, 2021**

The Committee on Natural Resources was called to order by Chair Howard Watts at 2:51 p.m. on Friday, May 28, 2021, Online and in Room 3143 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 www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblyman Howard Watts, Chair
Assemblywoman Lesley E. Cohen, Vice Chair
Assemblywoman Natha C. Anderson
Assemblywoman Annie Black
Assemblywoman Tracy Brown-May
Assemblyman John Ellison
Assemblywoman Alexis Hansen
Assemblywoman Susie Martinez
Assemblywoman Robin L. Titus
Assemblyman Jim Wheeler

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton (excused)
Assemblywoman Cecelia González (excused)

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jann Stinnesbeck, Committee Policy Analyst
Allan Amburn, Committee Counsel
Devon Kajatt, Committee Manager
Nancy Davis, Committee Secretary



OTHERS PRESENT:

None

Chair Watts:

[Roll was called.] Today we will work session Senate Bill 454 (1st Reprint).

Senate Bill 454 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions relating to agriculture. (BDR 50-1102)

Jann Stinnesbeck, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 454 (1st Reprint) was heard in this Committee on May 27, 2021 [[Exhibit C](#)]. This bill makes various changes related to the processing of applications for new brands and marks of animals and the rerecording of such brands and marks. The bill authorizes the State Department of Agriculture to establish and collect reasonable fees for the processing of applications for new brands or new brands and marks, regardless of whether the new brand or new brand and mark is awarded. However, the bill removes the authority for the Department to establish reasonable fees for the recording or the rerecording of brands or brands and marks, instead establishing a fee of \$200 for both actions in statute and prohibiting the prorating of the fees for any unused portion of the period. Beginning on January 1, 2023, the time period after which any owner of a brand or brand and mark or marks of record must be rerecorded is increased from four to five years, and the application must be submitted electronically through the Department's website or in writing on a form provided by the Department. At the discretion of the Department, unless otherwise requested by an owner, the Department may provide the required notice to an owner to rerecord by a certain time any brand or brand and mark or marks by electronic mail. Such notice must be sent by electronic mail or in writing by mail to the owner's last electronic mail address or address of record, as applicable. Finally, the bill requires the Department to provide an electronic copy of the certificate setting forth the fact of rerecording.

Chair Watts:

Are there any questions?

Assemblyman Ellison:

I have spent some time talking with ranchers. They support the bill. They would rather see the fee be raised and the time extended to five years rather than having to record more frequently.

Chair Watts:

Are there any other questions? Seeing none, I will accept a motion to do pass S.B. 454 (R1).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN COHEN MADE A MOTION TO DO PASS
SENATE BILL 454 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion?

Assemblywoman Titus:

This bill has a two-thirds vote requirement, but I am going to vote it out of Committee because I think the interested parties are supportive of it.

Chair Watts:

Is there any other discussion? Seeing none, we will vote.

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN BLACK AND WHEELER
VOTED NO. ASSEMBLYWOMEN CARLTON AND GONZÁLEZ WERE
ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

I will take the floor statement. That brings us to the last item on the agenda, which is public comment. Is there anyone wishing to provide public comment? Hearing no one, I believe this will be our last meeting of the session, and this meeting is adjourned [at 2:56 p.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Nancy Davis
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Assemblyman Howard Watts, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda.

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

[Exhibit C](#) is the Work Session Document for Senate Bill 454 (1st Reprint), presented by Jann Stinnesbeck, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.