

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

**Eighty-First Session
March 3, 2021**

The Committee on Natural Resources was called to order by Chair Howard Watts at 4:01 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3, 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:

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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



OTHERS PRESENT:

None

Chair Watts:

[Roll was called. Committee rules and protocol were reviewed.] We will move on to the work session, beginning with Assembly Bill 31.

Assembly Bill 31: Revises provisions governing the Nevada Petroleum Products Inspection Act. (BDR 51-276)

Jann Stinnesbeck, Committee Policy Analyst:

Legislative Counsel Bureau staff cannot advocate for or against any measure that comes before the Committee. Assembly Bill 31 was heard in Committee on February 17, 2021 [[Exhibit C](#)]. The bill revises provisions governing the Nevada Petroleum Products Inspection Act. Specifically, the bill requires the State Board of Agriculture to adopt standards for diesel exhaust fluid; requires the Board to adopt standards for certain petroleum heating products; revises provisions relating to the storage and disposal of petroleum products; and eliminates certain powers and duties of the State Sealer of Consumer Equitability relating to petroleum products.

There was one amendment proposed by the State Department of Agriculture which makes the following changes: it makes it unlawful for any person to refuse to permit the State Sealer of Consumer Equitability, or the appointees thereof, or any member of the Nevada Highway Patrol, to perform their duties set forth in *Nevada Revised Statutes* 590.100; and allows, by mutual agreement, for the waiver of the 24-hour notice period before an outlet or tank, which has been sealed, to be unsealed for purposes of removal of fuel or other product found to be in violation. The proposed amendment is attached to the work session document [page 2, [Exhibit C](#)].

Chair Watts:

Are there any questions? Hearing none, I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass Assembly Bill 31.

ASSEMBLYMAN WHEELER MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 31.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN COHEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Given all the interest that you have expressed on the topic of diesel exhaust fluid, I will assign the floor statement to you, Assemblyman Ellison. I will move on to Assembly Bill 74.

Assembly Bill 74: Revises provisions relating to pesticides. (BDR 51-265)

Jann Stinnesbeck, Committee Policy Analyst:

Assembly Bill 74 was heard in this Committee on February 22, 2021 [[Exhibit D](#)]. The bill requires that sellers of restricted-use pesticides maintain records of the distribution of those pesticides, in addition to sales records. Additionally, the sales and distribution records must be maintained in accordance with federal recordkeeping requirements for state certification plans.

Chair Watts:

Are there any questions? Hearing none, I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN COHEN MADE A MOTION TO DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 74.

ASSEMBLYMAN WHEELER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Anderson. The last bill on our work session is Assembly Bill 75.

Assembly Bill 75: Revises provisions relating to weights and measures. (BDR 51-273)

Jann Stinnesbeck, Committee Policy Analyst:

Assembly Bill 75 was heard in this Committee on February 15, 2021 [[Exhibit E](#)]. The bill requires the State Sealer of Consumer Equitability to adopt regulations establishing field reference standards and transfer standards. The bill also creates a rebuttable presumption concerning the presence of a field reference standard and makes various technical changes concerning weights and measures. There is one amendment that was proposed by the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources which makes the following change: it removes the reference of "2020 edition" from Section 4 of the bill and replaces it with "as adopted by reference by the State Sealer of Consumer Equitability."

Chair Watts:

Thank you, Assemblywoman Titus, for helping us find that adjustment during the hearing. Are there any questions?

Assemblywoman Titus:

Thank you to the State Department of Agriculture for making that adjustment. For those members who have been around awhile, we frequently will spend time fixing bills that we pass, not recognizing the impact in the future. I appreciate the Department recognizing that, with just a simple word change, we will not have to see this bill again next time around.

Chair Watts:

Are there any other questions? Hearing none, I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 75.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN COHEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Titus. That concludes our work session and I will now move on to public comment. Hearing none, our next meeting is Monday, March 8, 2021. This meeting is adjourned [at 4:15 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 [Assembly Bill 31](#), presented by Jann Stinnesbeck, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

[Exhibit D](#) is the Work Session Document for [Assembly Bill 74](#), presented by Jann Stinnesbeck, Committee Policy Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau.

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