

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

**Eighty-First Session
May 6, 2021**

The Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chair Maggie Carlton at 6:05 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, 2021, in Room 3137 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada, and 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 Maggie Carlton, Chair
Assemblywoman Daniele Monroe-Moreno, Vice Chair
Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson
Assemblyman Jason Frierson
Assemblywoman Michelle Gorelow
Assemblyman Gregory T. Hafen II
Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui
Assemblyman Glen Leavitt
Assemblywoman Brittney Miller
Assemblywoman Sarah Peters
Assemblyman Tom Roberts
Assemblywoman Robin L. Titus
Assemblywoman Jill Tolles
Assemblyman Howard Watts

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

None



STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst
Brody Leiser, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Mary O'Hair, Committee Manager
Carmen Neveau, Committee Secretary
Bet Torres, Committee Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Susan E. Brown, Director, Office of Finance, Office of the Governor
Sean Sever, Administrator, Division of Management Services and Programs,
Department of Motor Vehicles
Dena Schmidt, Administrator, Aging and Disabilities Services Division, Department
of Health and Human Services

Chair Carlton:

[Roll was taken, and Committee rules and protocol were reviewed.] We have a long work session tonight. It may look daunting, but many of these are one-shot and supplemental appropriations that we need to process. We have one bill draft request (BDR) for introduction this evening, and we will start with the BDR, go into work session and then we will hear bills.

BDR 23-1150 —Revises provision governing the executive staff of the Public Employees' Retirement System. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 479](#).)

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst:

Bill Draft Request (BDR) 23-1150 relates to the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) creating a position of Chief Investment Officer as a member of the executive staff of PERS and provides other matters properly relating thereto.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any questions from Committee Members? [There were none.] I will accept a motion on this BDR.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO INTRODUCE
BILL DRAFT REQUEST 23-1150.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE
MOTION.

Are there any questions from Committee members on the motion? [There were none.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

I will open the work session for Assembly Bill 37 (1st Reprint).

Assembly Bill 37 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions relating to the enforcement of obligations for the support of children. (BDR 3-301)

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst:

Assembly Bill 37 (1st Reprint) as amended revises provisions relating to payment of child support. An unsolicited fiscal note from the Department of Administration was submitted that identified expenditures of \$54,822 in fiscal year (FY) 2022 and \$64,835 in FY 2023. According to the Department, this bill would require holding automatic payment of payroll until after review to include records of notice for withholding income. This also includes a provision in arrears and any potential lump sum payments would require a manual process by the payroll manager of the Division of Human Resource Management (DHRM). The Department indicated that it would take approximately 40 hours in each biweekly period to perform this work. There was testimony from the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) at the hearing on April 21, 2021, and the individual who testified on behalf of DWSS indicated that the Division was working on an amendment to strike language and to address the fiscal note [[Exhibit C](#)]. Specifically, items 10 and 11 would be removed from section 5 which defines the lump sum payment. Matthew Tuma, Deputy Director, Department of Administration, testified that this would remove the fiscal impact associated with that change. Matthew Tuma from the Department of Administration testified in neutral, and there is an amendment that is suggested for this bill.

Chair Carlton:

Can you remind me who testified on this bill?

Sarah Coffman:

The bill was presented by Cathy Kaplan, Chief, Child Support Enforcement, DWSS.

Chair Carlton:

The proposed amendment from the Division would address the fiscal note. Are there any questions from Committee members on A.B. 37 (R1)?

Assemblywoman Titus:

Did the amendment and the removal of the fiscal note remove the two-thirds requirement?

Chair Carlton:

The two-thirds requirement is in section 13, and I do not believe that requirement has been addressed.

Assemblywoman Tolles:

Can we recess so I can get my documents on these bills?

Chair Carlton:

Yes. The meeting was recessed [at 6:13 p.m.]. I will reconvene this meeting [at 6:17 p.m.]. We were discussing A.B. 37 (R1) and the amendment that removed the fiscal note. The fiscal note did not affect the two-thirds requirement. Are there any other questions from Committee members? [There were none.] I will accept a motion for this bill.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO AMEND AND
DO PASS AS AMENDED ASSEMBLY BILL 37 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE
MOTION.

Are there any questions on the motion?

[There were none.] I will call for a vote on A.B. 37 (R1).

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN LEAVITT AND TITUS
VOTED NO.)

The floor statement is assigned to Assemblyman Watts. The next bill to be discussed is Assembly Bill 192 (1st Reprint).

Assembly Bill 192 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions governing the testing of pregnant women for certain sexually transmitted infections. (BDR 40-453)

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst:

Assembly Bill 192 (1st Reprint) as amended, revises provisions relating to the reporting of cases of syphilis and requires certain third-party insurers to cover testing of pregnant women for certain sexually transmitted infections. Fiscal Analysis Division staff received an email from the Public Employees' Benefits Program (PEBP) indicating that this bill would have no fiscal impact since the agency already provided coverage for those services. During the May 3, 2021 hearing, Erin Lynch, Chief, Medical Programs Unit, Hospital and Physician Services, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, confirmed that there would be no fiscal impact to Medicaid from this bill as amended. The presenter of this bill was Assemblywoman Cohen. There was one person in support of the bill and one person who was neutral on the bill. A conceptual amendment was recommended by Assemblywoman Cohen, who testified that she would like to change the wording in section 3, subsection 1, to " ... any person or entity willfully violating any of the provisions of *Nevada Revised Statutes*, 442.010..."

Chair Carlton:

Are there any questions or comments from Committee members?

Assemblywoman Titus:

That amendment was a policy change from this Committee, but a change that was critical to my support of the bill.

Chair Carlton:

Many times, changes would happen on the Assembly Floor, but it is cleaner to change the wording in Committee meetings. Are there any other questions from Committee members? [There were none.] I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED ASSEMBLY BILL 192 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Are there any questions or comments on the motion from Committee members? [There were none.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Cohen. The next bill for discussion will be Assembly Bill 315 (1st Reprint).

Assembly Bill 315 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions relating to certain public employees. (BDR 23-647)

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst:

Assembly Bill 315 (1st Reprint), as amended, requires an employer of a police officer or firefighter to make certain information available to police officers or firefighters regarding mental health issues and treatment. There was a fiscal note provided by the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) for \$136,000 in fiscal year (FY) 2022 and \$16,000 in FY 2023 to set up annual mental health awareness programs; however NSHE provided Fiscal Analysis Division staff with an email confirming that the fiscal impact had been removed in the amended version of the bill. The Department of Public Safety (DPS) also issued an unsolicited fiscal note indicating that DPS could not adequately determine the fiscal impact. Following the hearing, DPS provided an email to Fiscal staff confirming that DPS would be able to cover the cost in the DPS operating budgets and would not require additional resources. This bill was presented by Assemblyman O'Neill. There were two individuals who testified in support of the bill, and one person who testified in neutral. Joanna Jacob, Government Affairs Manager, Clark County, indicated that the amendment created an increased fiscal impact of \$46,839 for each year of the 2021-2023 biennium for the detention centers in Clark County. This was a revised fiscal impact.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any questions from Committee members? [There were none.] I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO DO PASS AS AMENDED ASSEMBLY BILL 315 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Are there any questions from Committee members on the motion? [There were none.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblyman O'Neill. The next bill for discussion is Assembly Bill 348 (1st Reprint).

Assembly Bill 348 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions relating to the Patient Protection Commission. (BDR 40-497)

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst:

Assembly Bill 348, (1st Reprint), as amended, transfers the Patient Protection Commission, Office of the Governor, to the Office of the Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and revises provisions governing the Commission and operation of the Commission. In addition, the bill designates the Commission as the sole state agency responsible for administering and coordinating matters related to participation in the Peterson Milbank Program for Sustainable Health Care Costs. The bill, as amended, would place the Patient Protection Commission budget under the Office of the Director, DHHS. A fiscal note from the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy identified costs associated with provisions of the bill, as introduced, that were removed through the amended version. There were no other amendments to this bill.

Chair Carlton:

Committee members may remember that there was a question about how to move implementation bills. Later in today's agenda, we will be hearing A.B. 478 which trues up the Patient Protection Commission conversation that we had earlier. This conversation concerned the move to the Office of the Director, DHHS, and that is how that budget closed in an earlier subcommittee closing. All three pieces of the puzzle are in place so the bill can move forward in a parallel track, as was questioned earlier. I will accept a motion for A.B. 348 (R1).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO DO PASS AS AMENDED ASSEMBLY BILL 348 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

Are there any questions or comments on the motion from Committee members?

Assemblywoman Titus:

This bill has been a source of angst, and it has been a struggle for me to back this bill. I appreciate the changes to the bill. However, even with those changes, providers and hospitals have reached out to me with concerns, so I will be voting no on A.B. 348 (R1).

Chair Carlton:

I have had continued conversations with those groups as well, and that is why we have a two-house system. Are there any other questions or comments on this bill? [There were none.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN HAFEN, LEAVITT, ROBERTS, TITUS, AND TOLLES VOTED NO.)

I will handle the floor statement for this bill. Assembly Bill 349 (1st Reprint) is the next bill for discussion.

Assembly Bill 349 (1st Reprint): Revises provisions governing motor vehicles. (BDR 43-58)

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst:

Assembly Bill 349 (1st Reprint) relates to the exemption of Old Timer vehicles, classic rods, and classic cars and the provision governing control of emissions from engines as long as they are not used for general transportation, which is defined as being driven more than 5,000 miles during the immediately preceding year. The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Compliance Enforcement Division, Pollution Control, estimates that a total of \$2.3 million in additional revenue will be generated in fiscal year (FY) 2022 and \$4.8 million in FY 2023 as a result of the provisions of this bill. However, DMV also estimated that it would incur expenditures of \$5,816 in FY 2022 and \$34,686 in FY 2023 to develop regulations and to add a new position for classic vehicle insurance endorsement verification. This bill was presented by Assemblyman Watts and JD Decker, Administrator, Compliance Enforcement, DMV. There were four individuals who testified in support of this bill and there were no recommended amendments.

Chair Carlton:

It is not often that the Ways and Means Committee gets to process a bill that brings money to the state. Are there any questions from Committee members? [There were none.] I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO DO PASS AS AMENDED ASSEMBLY BILL 349 (1ST REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE
MOTION.

Are there any questions or comments on the motion?

Assemblyman Roberts:

I support closing the loophole on this, but I have a challenge with charging additional fees for this bill. If we could find a way to offset the smog repair in the bill, other than fees to drivers and operators, I would be glad to support this bill. At this time, however, I will not be supporting this bill.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any other questions from Committee members? [There were none.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN HAFEN, LEAVITT,
ROBERTS, TITUS, AND TOLLES VOTED NO.)

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblyman Watts. The next bill for discussion is Assembly Bill 404.

Assembly Bill 404: Revises provisions relating to orders for protection against domestic violence. (BDR 3-1023)

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst:

Assembly Bill 404 authorizes a person to file an application for a temporary or extended order of protection against domestic violence but does not specify which county is the proper venue for filing this application. The Department of Public Safety, (DPS) Records, Communication and Compliance Division, identified a fiscal impact for expenditures of \$27,477 in fiscal year (FY) 2022 and \$64,113 in FY 2023 for the implementation of programming changes to the protection order program system and associated database. Fiscal Analysis Division staff received an email from DPS indicating that if the conceptual amendment presented at the April 23, 2021 hearing was adopted, the fiscal impact would be removed. The bill was presented by Bailey Bortolin, Nevada Coalition of Legal Service Providers. The proposed amendment addressed section 3, subsection 2, paragraph A, to clarify that "any appropriate law enforcement agency" refers only to authorized criminal justice agencies for criminal justice purposes and would ensure that only state-authorized criminal justice agencies have access to an applicant's address and contact information only for criminal justice purposes.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any questions from Committee members? [There were none.] I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO AMEND AND
DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 404.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE
MOTION.

This bill had not been amended previously but will be amended today for the fiscal note. Are there any questions or comments on the motion from Committee members? [There were none.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Jauregui. The following bills are all one-shot appropriations and supplementals and Assembly Bill 451 is the next bill for discussion.

Assembly Bill 451: Makes an appropriation to the Office of the Secretary of State for the replacement of computer hardware and software. (BDR S-1061)

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst:

Assembly Bill 451 was heard on April 14, 2021 and makes an appropriation of \$2.5 million to the Office of the Secretary of State to replace computer hardware and software. Scott W. Anderson, Chief Deputy Secretary of State, presented this bill. There were no other individuals who testified in support, opposition, or neutral, and there are no amendments.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any questions from Committee members? [There were no questions.] I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 451.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE
MOTION.

Are there any questions or comments on the motion from Committee members? [There were no questions.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Jauregui. The next bill for discussion is Assembly Bill 453.

Assembly Bill 453: Makes an appropriation to the Account for Pensions for Silicosis, Diseases Related to Asbestos and Other Disabilities. (BDR S-1112)

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst:

Assembly Bill 453 was heard on April 12, 2021 and makes an appropriation of \$34,000 to the Account for Pensions for Silicosis, Diseases Related to Asbestos and Other Disabilities. This bill was presented by Tara Hagan, Chief Deputy Treasurer, Office of the Treasurer. No one testified in support, opposition, or neutral on the bill, and there were no amendments to this bill.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any questions on this appropriations bill from Committee members? [There were no questions.] I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 453.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE
MOTION.

Are there any questions or comments on the motion from Committee members? [There were no questions.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Miller. The next bill for discussion is Assembly Bill 454.

Assembly Bill 454: Makes an appropriation to the Nevada Promise Scholarship Account to support the Nevada Promise Scholarship Program. (BDR S-1113)

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst:

Assembly Bill 454 was heard on April 14, 2021 and makes an appropriation of \$7.3 million to the Nevada Promise Scholarship Program. This bill was presented by Andrew Clinger, Chief Financial Officer, Nevada System of Higher Education. Four individuals testified in support of the bill and there were no amendments to this bill.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any questions on this appropriations bill from Committee members? [There were no questions.] I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 454.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE
MOTION.

Are there any questions or comments on the motion from Committee members? [There were no questions.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Miller. The next bill for discussion is Assembly Bill 455.

Assembly Bill 455: Makes an appropriation to the Office of the State Controller for the replacement of printers. (BDR S-1114)

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst:

Assembly Bill 455 was heard on April 12, 2021 and makes an appropriation of \$18,848 to the Office of the State Controller for replacement of printers. This bill was presented by Lori Hoover, Chief Deputy Controller, Office of the State Controller. There was no one in support, opposition, or neutral on the bill, and there were no amendments to this bill.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any questions on this appropriations bill from Committee members? [There were no questions.] I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 455.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE
MOTION.

Are there any questions or comments on the motion from Committee members? [There were no questions.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Miller. The next bill for discussion is Assembly Bill 456.

Assembly Bill 456: Makes an appropriation to the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services for pavement maintenance at the Jones campus of the Desert Regional Center. (BDR S-1120)

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst:

Assembly Bill 456 was heard on April 12, 2021 and makes an appropriation of \$85,750 to the Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD) of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for pavement maintenance at the Jones campus of the Desert Regional Center. Jeff Haag, Deputy Administrator, ADSD, DHHS, presented the bill. There was no one in support, opposition, or neutral on the bill, and there were no amendments to this bill.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any questions on this appropriations bill from Committee members? [There were no questions.] I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 456.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE
MOTION.

Are there any questions or comments on the motion from Committee members? [There were no questions.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Gorelow. The next bill for discussion is Assembly Bill 457.

Assembly Bill 457: Makes an appropriation to the Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for deferred maintenance projects. (BDR S-1133)

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst:

Assembly Bill 457 makes an appropriation of \$666,590 to the Division of Forestry for the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for deferred maintenance projects. Kacey KC, Nevada State Forester and Fire Warden, Division of Forestry, presented the bill. There was no one in support, opposition, or neutral on the bill. There was an amendment provided, and the Department confirmed that \$28,700 in projects and one-shot appropriations listed on the Construction Improvement Program were duplicates, and the amount was revised from \$666,590 to \$637,890.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any questions on this appropriations bill from Committee members? [There were no questions.] I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO AMEND AND
DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 457.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE
MOTION.

Are there any questions or comments on the motion from Committee members? [There were no questions.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Gorelow. The next bill for discussion is Assembly Bill 458.

Assembly Bill 458: Makes appropriations to the Real Estate Division of the Department of Business and Industry for an upgrade of its licensing software system and the replacement of computer hardware and software. (BDR S-1134)

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst:

Assembly Bill 458 makes an appropriation of \$693,670 to the Real Estate Division, Department of Business and Industry, for an upgrade to its licensing software system and a \$37,654 appropriation for the replacement of computer hardware and software. Sharath Chandra, Administrator, Real Estate Division, presented the bill. There was no one in support, opposition, or neutral on the bill, and there were no proposed amendments for this bill.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any questions or comments from Committee members? [There were none.] I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 458.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE
MOTION.

Are there any questions or comments on the motion from Committee members? [There were no questions.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED.

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Gorelow. The next bill for discussion is Assembly Bill 459.

Assembly Bill 459: Revises provisions relating to workforce development. (BDR 18-1068)

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst:

Assembly Bill 459 moves the Office of Workforce Innovation (OWINN) from the Office of the Governor to the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) and provides that the Executive Director, OWINN, and the State Apprenticeship Director are in the unclassified service of the state. This bill was presented by Elisa Cafferata, Director, DETR. There was one individual who testified in neutral on this bill and there was one amendment proposed by Strategies 360. The amendment would revise Assembly Bill 459, and *Nevada Revised Statutes*, Chapters 223, 607, and 610, to return responsibilities of the State Apprenticeship Council to the Office of the Labor Commissioner instead of transferring responsibilities to DETR, provided the Labor Commissioner, and not the Governor, appoints the State Apprenticeship Director. This is also conditioned on the Governor appointing voting members of the State Apprenticeship Council based on recommendation of the Labor Commissioner, and not the Executive Director of OWINN.

Chair Carlton:

Committee members may remember closing conversations on this item. There was discussion about where the State Apprenticeship Council belonged. Interested parties held discussions, and this amendment was the agreed upon result. Because the Ways and Means Committee has jurisdiction over the bill, the budget section is being discussed in the closing on the budget, but the implementation part of the bill allows the parts to be aligned, especially the apprenticeship matter. Are there any questions or comments from Committee members? [There were none.] I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO AMEND AND
DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 459.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE
MOTION.

Are there any questions or comments on the motion from Committee members?

Assemblywoman Tolles:

I recall the discussion and questions about the move to DETR. I support the apprenticeship changes, but I do not support OWINN moving to DETR. I will vote no on this bill.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any other questions or comments from Committee members? [There were no questions.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN HAFEN, LEAVITT, ROBERTS, TITUS, AND TOLLES VOTED NO.)

I will handle the floor statement. The next bill for discussion is Assembly Bill 460.

Assembly Bill 460: Makes an appropriation to the Division of Museums and History of the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs to restore the school bus program to reimburse transportation costs for public school students to visit state museums. (BDR S-1116)

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst:

Assembly Bill 460 makes a \$100,000 appropriation to the Division of Museums and History of the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs to restore the school bus program to reimburse transportation costs for public school students to visit state museums. This bill was presented by Myron Freedman, Administrator, Division of Museums and History, Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs. There were two individuals who testified in support of this bill, and there are no proposed amendments.

Chair Carlton:

For several years, after conversations with the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs staff, the school bus program was discussed, and dollars were appropriated. Money was raised through a nonprofit organization associated with the museum, Friends of the Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas. As a member of Friends of the Museum, we had discussions about trying to ensure children could get to museums, but the barrier was the cost of school bus trips. With proposed budget cuts, there was a decision to submit an appropriation request for \$100,000. I will not propose an amendment to this amount this evening, but I am considering increasing this amount as the bill heads to the Assembly Floor. More is needed especially because we recognize that kids will need field trips when classroom attendance resumes in the future. There will be discussions about the exact amount, so the opportunity exists for all children in Nevada. I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 460.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE
MOTION.

Are there any questions or comments on the motion from Committee members? [There were no questions.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED.

I will ask Assemblywoman Monroe-Moreno to handle the floor statement for this bill. The next bill for discussion is Assembly Bill 464.

Assembly Bill 464: Makes an appropriation to restore the balances in the Stale Claims Account, the Emergency Account, the Reserve for Statutory Contingency Account and the Contingency Account. (BDR S-1051)

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst:

Assembly Bill 464, heard on May 3, 2021, makes an appropriation to restore balances in the Stale Claims Account, Emergency Account, the Reserve for Statutory Contingency Account, and the Contingency Account. For the Stale Claims Account, the recommended appropriation is \$3.6 million, for the Emergency Account, the recommended appropriation is \$239,791, for the Reserve for Statutory Contingency Account, the recommended appropriation is \$12.1 million, and for the Contingency Account, the recommended appropriation is \$13.7 million. The bill was presented by Susan E. Brown, Director, Office of Finance, Office of the Governor, and there was no one who testified in support, opposition, or neutral on the bill. There were no amendments.

Chair Carlton:

This is a standard bill that we see each biennium to replenish accounts. Are there any questions from Committee members on this bill? [There were none.] I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 464.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE
MOTION.

Are there any questions or comments on the motion from Committee members? [There were no questions.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED.

I will ask Assemblywoman Monroe-Moreno to handle the floor statement for this bill. The next bill for discussion is Assembly Bill 465.

Assembly Bill 465: Makes an appropriation to the Division of Water Resources of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the repair and maintenance of the South Fork Dam. (BDR S-1105)

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst:

Assembly Bill 465, heard on May 3, 2021, makes an appropriation of \$2.1 million to the Division of Water Resources, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, to repair and maintain the South Fork Dam. The bill was presented by Adam Sullivan, Acting Administrator, Division of Water Resources, and there were no individuals who testified in support of, in opposition to, or neutral on this bill. There are no amendments for this bill.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any questions or comments from Committee members on this bill? [There were none.] I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 465.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE
MOTION.

Are there any questions or comments on the motion from Committee members? [There were no questions.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED.

I will ask Assemblyman Watts to handle the floor statement for this bill. The next bill for discussion is Assembly Bill 466.

Assembly Bill 466: Makes appropriations to the Department of Corrections for hepatitis C treatments for offenders and new and replacement medical and dental equipment. (BDR S-1125)

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst:

Assembly Bill 466, heard on May 3, 2021, makes a \$15.8 million appropriation for hepatitis C treatments for offenders, and a \$196,523 appropriation for the replacement of medical and dental equipment for the Department of Corrections. This bill was presented by Russell C. Alfano, Administrative Services Officer, Department of Corrections. There was one individual who testified in support of this bill and there are no amendments.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any questions or comments from Committee members on this bill? [There were none.] I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 466.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE
MOTION.

Are there any questions or comments on the motion from Committee members? [There were no questions.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED.

I will ask Assemblywoman Monroe-Moreno to handle the floor statement for this bill. The next bill for discussion is Assembly Bill 467.

Assembly Bill 467: Makes appropriations to the Department of Transportation for the replacement of the Nevada Shared Radio System. (BDR S-1131)

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst:

Assembly Bill 467, heard on May 3, 2021, makes an appropriation to the Department of Transportation from the State General Fund for \$2.6 million, and an appropriation from the State Highway Fund for \$19.4 million, for replacement of the Nevada Shared Radio System. This bill was presented by Kristina Swallow, Director, Department of Transportation. There were no individuals who testified in support of, opposition to, or neutral on this bill, and there were no amendments.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any questions or comments from Committee members on this bill? [There were none.] I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 467.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE
MOTION.

Are there any questions or comments on the motion from Committee members? [There were no questions.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED.

I will ask Assemblywoman Peters to handle the floor statement for this bill. The next bill for discussion is Assembly Bill 468.

Assembly Bill 468: Makes appropriations to various divisions of the Department of Motor Vehicles for the replacement of computer hardware and software and certain other equipment. (BDR S-1135)

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst:

Assembly Bill 468, heard on May 3, 2021, makes various appropriations totaling \$2.2 million for various divisions in the Department of Motor Vehicles for replacement of computer hardware, software, and other various equipment. This bill was presented by Sean Sever, Administrator, Division of Management Services and Programs, Department of Motor Vehicles. There were no individuals who testified in support of, opposition to, or neutral on this bill and there are no amendments.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any questions or comments from Committee members on this bill? [There were none.] I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 468.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE
MOTION.

Are there any questions or comments on the motion from Committee members? [There were no questions.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED.

I will ask Assemblywoman Peters to handle the floor statement for this bill. The next bill for discussion is Assembly Bill 469.

Assembly Bill 469: Makes a supplemental appropriation to the Office of the Secretary of State for a projected shortfall related to credit card processing fees. (BDR S-1145)

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst:

Assembly Bill 469, heard on May 3, 2021, makes a supplemental appropriation to the Office of the Secretary of State for a projected shortfall related to credit card processing fees of \$549,998. This bill was presented by Barbara Cegavske, Secretary of State. There were no individuals who testified in support of, opposition to, or neutral on this bill and there are no amendments.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any questions or comments from Committee members on this bill? [There were none.] I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 469.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE
MOTION.

Are there any questions or comments on the motion from Committee members? [There were no questions.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED.

I will ask Assemblywoman Peters to handle the floor statement for this bill. The next bill for discussion is Assembly Bill 470.

Assembly Bill 470: Makes a supplemental appropriation to the Real Estate Division of the Department of Business and Industry for a projected shortfall relating to time share filing fees. (BDR S-1147)

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst:

Assembly Bill 470, heard on May 3, 2021, makes a State General Fund supplemental appropriation of \$481,920 to the Real Estate Division, Department of Business and Industry, for a projected shortfall related to timeshare filing fees. This bill was presented by Sharath Chandra, Administrator, Real Estate Division. There were no individuals who testified in support of, opposition to, or neutral on this bill, and there are no amendments.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any questions or comments from Committee members on this bill? [There were none.] I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 470.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE
MOTION.

Are there any questions or comments on the motion from Committee members? [There were no questions.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED.

I will ask Assemblywoman Jauregui to handle the floor statement for this bill. The next bill for discussion is Assembly Bill 474.

Assembly Bill 474: Makes an appropriation to and authorizes the expenditure of money by the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services of the Department of Health and Human Services for the continuation of the technology modernization project for the child support enforcement program. (BDR S-1122)

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst:

Assembly Bill 474, was heard on May 3, 2021, and makes an appropriation and authorizes expenditures to the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Department of Health and Human Services, for continuation of the technology modernization project for the child support enforcement program. The bill provides a State General Fund appropriation of \$17.5 million and provides for the authorization of non-State General Fund revenues of \$34.3 million for this purpose. This bill was presented by Steve H. Fisher, Administrator,

Division of Welfare and Supportive Services. There was one individual who testified in support of this bill and there are no amendments.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any questions or comments from Committee members on this bill? [There were none.] I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 474.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE
MOTION.

Are there any questions or comments on the motion from Committee members? [There were no questions.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED.

I will ask Assemblywoman Gorelow to handle the floor statement for this bill. We will now move to our agenda items remembering that Assembly Bill 477 will not be heard tonight. The first bill for discussion will be Assembly Bill 475.

Assembly Bill 475: Makes an appropriation to the Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund to support the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program. (BDR S-1062)

Susan E. Brown, Director, Office of Finance, Office of the Governor:

My name is Susan Brown and I serve as Director, Office of Finance, Office of the Governor. Assembly Bill 475 requests an appropriation of \$42 million for the Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund to support the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship program. This will continue scholarship payments through the 2021-2023 biennium. This program also receives other dedicated revenues. The program has seen a larger increase in scholarship users, beginning in the summer of 2020, which has continued into the fall and spring semesters. This request for funding, along with other dedicated funds, is anticipated to cover expected costs through the next biennium.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any questions or comments from Committee members on the appropriation to the Millennium Scholarship Program?

Assemblyman Hafen:

I am thankful for this scholarship program as it paid for most of my college tuition.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any other questions or comments from Committee members? [There were none.] The Speaker has given this Committee permission to process bills as we hear bills, so we will hear the other bills and then come back to process these bills.

I am opening the hearing for A.B. 475. Is there anyone who would like to testify in support of, opposition to, or neutral on, this bill? [There was no one.] I will close the hearing on A.B. 475 and we will move to Assembly Bill 476.

Assembly Bill 476: Renames the Division of Management Services and Programs of the Department of Motor Vehicles. (BDR 43-1149)

Sean Sever, Administrator, Division of Management Services and Programs, Department of Motor Vehicles:

Assembly Bill 476 requests the renaming of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Management Services and Programs Division to the Research and Project Management Division. The name change better reflects the duties of this Division and the need for a formalized project management team, as DMV prepares to transform its service delivery. This Division consists of employees from budget accounts 4716 and 4742, joining two strong teams with similar skills and project management. This team will lead the DMV through its transformation process, which will involve moving most of the services online in the next four years, so Nevadans are not required to come to DMV offices. The DMV will still be open for those who prefer doing in-person transactions, however, we think most people will prefer skipping a trip to DMV.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any questions from Committee members on this bill? [There were none.] I will open the hearing on A.B. 476. Is there anyone who wishes to speak in support of, opposition to, or neutral on, this bill? [There was no one.] I will close the hearing on A.B. 476 and we will move to the next bill on the agenda.

Assembly Bill 477: Revises provisions relating to off-highway vehicles. (BDR S-1097)

Chair Carlton:

Assembly Bill 477 was agendized but has been delayed and will not be heard tonight. The next bill will be Assembly Bill 478.

Assembly Bill 478: Revises provisions relating to the Patient Protection Commission. (BDR 40-1069)

Dena Schmidt, Administrator, Aging and Disabilities Services Division, Department of Health and Human Services:

I am Dena Schmidt, Administrator, Aging and Disabilities Services Division (ADSD), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Assembly Bill 478 is a budget bill to align with the Governor's recommended budget, which recommended moving the Patient

Protection Commission to ADSD. On March 5, 2021, the Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Services, voted to move the Patient Protection Commission to the Office of the Director, DHHS, instead of ADSD. Additionally, Assembly Bill 348, sponsored by Chair Carlton, moved the Commission to the Office of the Director, DHHS. We have submitted an amendment to ensure this bill will align with other efforts [[Exhibit D](#)]. In section 1, the amendment recommends changing ADSD to the Office of the Director, DHHS, and in section 4, the amendment recommends changing Administrator to Director.

Chair Carlton:

Because the budget has closed and A.B. 348 has been processed, this bill will be amended to align with A.B. 348. Is that correct?

Dena Schmidt:

That is our intention.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any questions or comments from Committee members on this bill? [There were none.] I will open the hearing on A.B. 478. Is there anyone who wishes to speak in support of, opposition to, or neutral on, this bill? [There was no one.] I will close the hearing on A.B. 478. I need to ensure we move this bill with A.B. 348, so we will not process A.B. 478 until I can ensure all the pieces fit together and we do not move a bill to the Assembly Floor with contradictory provisions.

I will now open a work session for two bills we just heard. First, we will do Assembly Bill 475.

Assembly Bill 475: Makes an appropriation to the Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund to support the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program. (BDR S-1062)

Chair Carlton:

Assembly Bill 475 makes an appropriation from the State General Fund to the Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund in the amount of \$42 million to support the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program. Are there any questions or comments on this bill? [There were none.] I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 475.

ASSEMBLYMAN HAFEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

Are there any questions or comments on the motion from Committee members? [There were no questions.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED.

I will handle the floor statement for this bill. Assembly Bill 476 will be the next bill for discussion.

Assembly Bill 476: Renames the Division of Management Services and Programs of the Department of Motor Vehicles. (BDR 43-1149)

Chair Carlton:

Assembly Bill 476 renames the Division of Management Services and Programs in the Department of Motor Vehicles to the Division of Research and Project Management. Are there any questions or comments from Committee members? [There were none.] I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO DO PASS
ASSEMBLY BILL 476.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON SECONDED THE
MOTION.

Are there any questions or comments on the motion from Committee members? [There were no questions.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED.

I will ask Assemblywoman Peters to handle the floor statement for this bill. Each meeting from here forward will include a work session, and I will do my best to let you know which bills will be discussed, when possible. Please have your notes for all bills with you at each meeting. I will open the meeting for public comment. [There was none.]

[[Exhibit E](#) is an email from Mariana Kihuen, Esq., that was submitted but not discussed and will become part of the record.]

I will adjourn the meeting [at 7:19 p.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Carmen M. Neveau
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda.

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

[Exhibit C](#) is an email from Steve Fisher, Administrator, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services, Department of Health and Human Services, striking two provisions in section 5 of Assembly Bill 37 (1st Reprint).

[Exhibit D](#) is a proposed amendment to Assembly Bill 478 presented by Dena Schmidt, Administrator, Aging and Disabilities Services Division, Department of Health and Human Services.

[Exhibit E](#) is testimony from Tina Holcomb, Assistant Director, Financial Aid Office, College of Southern Nevada, submitted by Mariana Kihuen, Esq., Director of Government Affairs, Office of the President, College of Southern Nevada, regarding Assembly Bill 475.